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One cannot always live in the palaces and state apartments of language, but we can refuse to spend our days in searching for its vilest slums.

—*William Watson*

Words without thought are dead sounds; thoughts without words are nothing. To think is to speak low; to speak is to think aloud.

—*Max Muller*

The first merit which attracts in the pages of a good writer, or the talk of a brilliant conversationalist, is the apt choice and contrast of the words employed. It is indeed a strange art to take these blocks rudely conceived for the purpose of the market or the bar, and by tact of application touch them to the finest meanings and distinctions.

—*Robert Louis Stevenson*

It is with words as with sunbeams,—the more they are condensed, the deeper they burn.

—*Southey*

No noble or right style was ever yet founded but out of a sincere heart.

—*Ruskin*

Words are things; and a small drop of ink, falling like dew upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions think.

—*Byron*

A good phrase may outweigh a poor library.

—*Thomas W. Higginson*

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INTRODUCTION

The most powerful and the most perfect expression of thought and feeling through the medium of oral language must be traced to the mastery of words. Nothing is better suited to lead speakers and readers of English into an easy control of this language than the command of the phrase that perfectly expresses the thought. Every speaker's aim is to be heard and understood. A clear, crisp articulation holds an audience as by the spell of some irresistible power. The choice word, the correct phrase, are instruments that may reach the heart, and awake the soul if they fall upon the ear in melodious cadence; but if the utterance be harsh and discordant they fail to interest, fall upon deaf ears, and are as barren as seed sown on fallow ground. In language, nothing conduces so emphatically to the harmony of sounds as perfect phrasing—that is, the emphasizing of the relation of clause to clause, and of sentence to sentence by the systematic grouping of words. The phrase consists usually of a few words which denote a single idea that forms a separate part of a sentence. In this respect it differs from the clause, which is a short sentence that forms a distinct part of a composition, paragraph, or discourse. Correct phrasing is regulated by rests, such rests as do not break the continuity of a thought or the progress of the sense.

GRENVILLE KLEISER, who has devoted years of his diligent life to imparting the art of correct expression in speech and writing, has provided many aids for those who would

know not merely what to say, but how to say it. He has taught also what the great HOLMES taught, that language is a temple in which the human soul is enshrined, and that it grows out of life—out of its joys and its sorrows, its burdens and its necessities. To him, as well as to the writer, the deep strong voice of man and the low sweet voice of woman are never heard at finer advantage than in the earnest but mellow tones of familiar speech. In the present volume Mr. Kleiser furnishes an additional and an exceptional aid for those who would have a mint of phrases at their command from which to draw when in need of the golden mean for expressing thought. Few indeed are the books fitted to-day for the purpose of imparting this knowledge, yet two centuries ago phrase-books were esteemed as supplements to the dictionaries, and have not by any manner of means lost their value. The guide to familiar quotations, the index to similes, the grammars, the readers, the machine-made letter-writer of mechanically perfect letters of congratulation or condolence—none are sententious enough to supply the need. By the compilation of this praxis, Mr. Kleiser has not only supplied it, but has furnished a means for the increase of one's vocabulary by practical methods. There are thousands of persons who may profit by the systematic study of such a book as this if they will familiarize themselves with the author's purpose by a careful reading of the preliminary pages of his book. To speak in public pleasingly and readily and to read well are accomplishments acquired only after many days, weeks even, of practise.

Foreigners sometimes reproach us for the asperity and discordance of our speech, and in general, this reproach is just, for there are many persons who do scanty justice to the vowel-elements of our language. Although these ele-

ments constitute its music they are continually mistreated. We flirt with and pirouette around them constantly. If it were not so, English would be found full of beauty and harmony of sound. Familiar with the maxim, "Take care of the vowels and the consonants will take care of themselves,"—a maxim that when put into practise has frequently led to the breaking-down of vowel values—the writer feels that the common custom of allowing "the consonants to take care of themselves" is pernicious. It leads to suppression or to imperfect utterance, and thus produces indistinct articulation.

The English language is so complex in character that it can scarcely be learned by rule, and can best be mastered by the study of such idioms and phrases as are provided in this book; but just as care must be taken to place every accent or stress on the proper syllable in the pronouncing of every word it contains, so must the stress or emphasis be placed on the proper word in every sentence spoken. To read or speak pleasingly one should resort to constant practise by doing so aloud in private, or preferably, in the presence of such persons as know good reading when they hear it and are masters of the melody of sounds. It was Dean SWIFT's belief that the common fluency of speech in many men and most women was due to scarcity of matter and scarcity of words. He claimed that a master of language possessed a mind full of ideas, and that before speaking, such a mind paused to select the choice word—the phrase best suited to the occasion. "Common speakers," he said, "have only one set of ideas, and one set of words to clothe them in," and these are always ready on the lips. Because he holds the Dean's view sound to-day, the writer will venture to warn the readers of this book against a habit that, growing far too common among us, should be

checked, and this is the iteration and reiteration in conversation of "the battered, stale, and trite" phrases, the like of which were credited by the worthy Dean to the women of his time.

Human thought elaborates itself with the progress of intelligence. Speech is the harvest of thought, and the relation which exists between words and the mouths that speak them must be carefully observed. Just as nothing is more beautiful than a word fitly spoken, so nothing is rarer than the use of a word in its exact meaning. There is a tendency to overwork both words and phrases that is not restricted to any particular class. The learned sin in this respect even as do the ignorant, and the practise spreads until it becomes an epidemic. The epidemic word with us yesterday was unquestionably "conscription"; several months ago it was "preparedness." Before then "efficiency" was heard on every side and succeeded in superseding "vocational teaching," only to be displaced in turn by "life extension" activities. "Safety-first" had a long run which was brought almost to abrupt end by "strict accountability," but these are mere reflections of our cosmopolitan life and activities. There are others that stand out as indicators of brain-weariness. These are most frequently met in the work of our novelists.

English authors and journalists are abusing and overworking the word *intrigue* to-day. Sir Arthur QUILLER-ROUCH on page 81 of his book "On the Art of Writing" uses it: "We are *intrigued* by the process of manufacture instead of being wearied by a description of the ready-made article." Mrs. SIDGWICK in "Salt and Savour," page 232, wrote: "But what *intrigued* her was Little Mamma's remark at breakfast." From the Parliamentary news, one learns that "Mr. Harcourt *intrigued* the House of Commons

by his sustained silence for two years" and that "London is interested in, and not a little *intrigued*, by the statement." This use of *intrigue* in the sense of "perplex, puzzle, trick, or deceive" dates from 1600. Then it fell into a state of somnolence, and after an existence of innocuous desuetude lasting till 1794 it was revived, only to hibernate again until 1894. It owes its new lease of life to a writer on *The Westminster Gazette*, a London journal famous for its competitions in aid of the restoring of the dead meanings of words.

One is almost exasperated by the repeated use and abuse of the word "intimate" in a recently published work of fiction, by an author who aspires to the first rank in his profession. He writes of "the *intimate* dimness of the room;" "a fierce *intimate* whispering;" "a look that was *intimate*;" "the noise of the city was *intimate*," etc. Who has not heard, "*The idea!*" "What's *the idea?*" "Is that *the idea?*" "Yes, that's *the idea*," with increased inflection at each repetition. And who is without a friend who at some time or another has not sprung "meticulous" upon him? Another example is afforded by the endemic use of "of sorts" which struck London while the writer was in that city a few years ago. Whence it came no one knew, but it was heard on every side. "She was a woman *of sorts*;" "he is a Tory *of sorts*;" "he had a religion *of sorts*;" "he was a critic *of sorts*." While it originally meant "of different or various kinds," as hats *of sorts*; offices *of sorts*; cheeses *of sorts*, etc., it is now used disparagingly, and implies something of a kind that is not satisfactory, or of a character that is rather poor. This, as SHAKESPEARE might have said, is "Sodden business! There's a stewed phrase indeed!" *

* *Troilus and Cressida*, act iii, sc. i.

The abuse of phrases and the misuse of words rife among us can be checked by diligent exercises in good English, such as this book provides. These exercises, in conjunction with others to be found in different volumes by the same author, will serve to correct careless diction and slovenly speech, and lead to the art of speaking and writing correctly; for, after all, accuracy in the use of words is more a matter of habit than of theory, and once it is acquired it becomes just as easy to speak or to write good English as bad English. It was CHESTERFIELD'S resolution not to speak a word in conversation which was not the fittest he could recall. All persons should avoid using words whose meanings they do not know, and with the correct application of which they are unfamiliar. The best spoken and the best written English is that which conforms to the language as used by men and women of culture—a high standard, it is true, but one not so high that it is unattainable by any earnest student of the English tongue.

FRANK H. VIZETELLY.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The study of words, phrases, and literary expressions is a highly interesting pursuit. There is a reciprocal influence between thought and language. What we think molds the words we use, and the words we use react upon our thoughts. Hence a study of words is a study of ideas, and a stimulant to deep and original thinking.

We should not, however, study "sparkling words and sonorous phrases" with the object of introducing them consciously into our speech. To do so would inevitably lead to stiltedness and superficiality. Words and phrases should be studied as symbols of ideas, and as we become thoroughly familiar with them they will play an unconscious but effective part in our daily expression.

We acquire our vocabulary largely from our reading and our personal associates. The words we use are an unmistakable indication of our thought habits, tastes, ideals, and interests in life. In like manner, the habitual language of a people is a barometer of their intellectual, civil, moral, and spiritual ideals. A great and noble people express themselves in great and noble words.

Ruskin earnestly counsels us to form the habit of looking intensely at words. We should scrutinize them closely and endeavor to grasp their innermost meaning. There is an indefinable satisfaction in knowing how to choose and use words with accuracy and precision. As Fox once said, "I am never at a loss for a word, but Pitt always has *the* word."

All the great writers and orators have been diligent students of words. Demosthenes and Cicero were indefatigable in their study of language. Shakespeare, "infinite in faculty," took infinite pains to embody his thought in words of crystal clearness. Coleridge once said of him that one might as well try to dislodge a brick from a building with one's forefinger as to omit a single word from one of his finest passages.

Milton, master of majestic prose, under whose touch words became as living things; Flaubert, who believed there was one and one only best word with which to express a given thought; De Quincey, who exercised a weird-like power over words; Ruskin, whose rhythmic prose enchanted the ear; Keats, who brooded over phrases like a lover; Newman, of pure and melodious style; Stevenson, forever in quest of the scrupulously precise word; Tennyson, graceful and exquisite as the limpid stream; Emerson, of trenchant and epigrammatic style; Webster, whose virile words sometimes weighed a pound; and Lincoln, of simple, Saxon speech,—all these illustrious men were assiduous in their study of words.

Many persons of good education unconsciously circumscribe themselves within a small vocabulary. They have a knowledge of hundreds of desirable words which they do not put into practical use in their speech or writing. Many, too, are conscious of a poverty of language, which engenders in them a sense of timidity and self-depreciation.

The method used for building a large vocabulary has usually been confined to the study of single words. This has produced good results, but it is believed that eminently better results can be obtained from a careful study of words and expressions, as furnished in this book, where words can be examined in their context.

It is intended and suggested that this study should be pursued in connection with, and as a supplement to, a good standard dictionary. Fifteen minutes a day devoted to this subject, in the manner outlined, will do more to improve and enlarge the vocabulary than an hour spent in desultory reading.

There is no better way in which to develop the mental qualities of clearness, accuracy, and precision, and to improve and enlarge the intellectual powers generally, than by regular and painstaking study of judiciously selected phrases and literary expressions.

PLAN OF STUDY

First examine the book in a general way to grasp its character, scope, and purpose. Carefully note the following plan of classification of the various kinds of phrases, and choose for initial study a section which you think will be of the most immediate value to you.

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There are many advantages in keeping before you a definite purpose in your study of this book. A well-defined plan will act as an incentive to regular and systematic effort, and incidentally develop your power of concentration.

It is desirable that you set apart a certain convenient time each day for this study. Regularity tends to produce maximum results. As you progress with this work your interest will be quickened and you will realize the desirability of giving more and more time to this important subject.

When you have chosen a section of the book which particularly appeals to you, begin your actual study by reading the phrases aloud. Read them slowly and understandingly. This tends to impress them more deeply upon your mind, and is in itself one of the best and most practical ways of acquiring a large and varied vocabulary. Moreover, the practise of fitting words to the mouth rapidly develops fluency and facility of speech.

Few persons realize the great value of reading aloud. Many of the foremost English stylists devoted a certain period regularly to this practise. Cardinal Newman read aloud each day a chapter from Cicero as a means of developing his ear for sentence-rhythm. Rufus Choate, in order to increase his command of language, and to avoid sinking into mere empty fluency, read aloud daily, during a large part of his life, a page or more from some great English author. As a writer has said, "The practise of storing the mind with choice passages from the best prose writers and poets, and thus flavoring it with the essence of good literatures, is one which is commended both by the best teachers and by the example of some of the most celebrated orators, who have adopted it with signal success."

This study should be pursued with pencil in hand, so that you may readily underscore phrases which make a

special appeal to you. The free use of a pencil in marking significant parts of a book is good evidence of thoroughness. This, too, will facilitate your work of subsequent review.

The habit of regularly copying, in your own handwriting, one or more pages of phrases will be of immense practical value. This exercise is a great aid in developing a facile English style. The daily use of the pen has been recommended in all times as a valuable means of developing oral and literary expression.

A helpful exercise is to pronounce a phrase aloud and then fit it into a complete sentence of your own making. This practice gives added facility and resourcefulness in the use of words.

As an enthusiastic student of good English, you should carefully note striking and significant phrases or literary expressions which you find in your general reading. These should be set down in a note-book reserved for this exclusive purpose. In this way you can prepare many lists of your own, and thus greatly augment the value of this study.

The taste for beauty, truth, and harmony in language can be developed by careful study of well-selected phrases and literary expressions as furnished in this book. A good literary style is formed principally by daily study of great English writers, by careful examination of words in their context, and by a discriminating use of language at all times.

GRENVILLE KLEISER.

New York City, July, 1917.

SECTION I

USEFUL PHRASES

USEFUL PHRASES

A

abandoned hope
abated pride
abbreviated visit
abhorred thralldom
abiding romance
abject submission
abjured ambition
able strategist
abnormal talents
abominably perverse
abounding happiness
abridged statement
abrogated law
abrupt transition
absolutely irrevocable
absorbed reverie
abstemious diet
abstract character
abstruse reasoning
absurdly dangerous
abundant opportunity
abusive epithet
abysmally apologetic
academic rigor
accelerated progress
accentuated playfulness

accepted littleness
accessible pleasures
accessory circumstances
accidental lapse
accommodating temper
accomplished ease
accredited agent
accumulated burden
accurate appraisalment
accursed enemy
accusing glance
accustomed lucidity
aching desire
acknowledged authority
acoustical effects
acquired timidity
acid controversy
acrimonious warfare
actively zealous
actualized ideals
acutely conscious
adamantine rigidity
adaptive wit
adduced facts
adequate execution
adhesive quality
administered rebuke

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admirable reserve
admissible evidence
admittedly inferior
admonitory gesture
adolescent youth
adorable vanity
adroit flatterer
adulated stranger
adventitious way
adventurous mind
adverse experience
affably accommodating
affected indifference
affectionate approval
affianced lady
affirmative attitude
affluent language
affrighted slave
aggravated faults
aggregate body
aggressive selfishness
agile mind
agitated imagination
agonizing appeal
agreeable frankness
aimless confusion
airy splendor
alarming rapidity
alert acceptance
algebraic brevity
alien splendor
alleged reluctance
allegorical vein

allied subjects
alliterative suggestion
all-pervading influence
alluring idleness
alternating opinion
altogether dissimilar
altruistic ideal
amatory effusions
amazing artifice
ambidextrous assistant
ambiguous grimace
ambitious project
ambling pedestrian
ambrosial essence
amiable solicitude
amicable arrangement
amorous youth
ample culture
amusing artlessness
analogous example
analytical survey
ancestral creed
ancient garb
angelic softness
angry protestations
anguished entreaty
angular features
animated eloquence
annoying complications
anomalous appearance
anonymous benefactor
answering response
antagonistic views

antecedent facts	aromatic fragrance
anticipated attention	arrant trifling
antiquated prudery	arrested development
anxious misgiving	arrogant imposition
apathetic greeting	artful adaptation
aphoristic wit	artificial suavity
apish agility	artistic elegance
apocalyptic vision	artless candor
apocryphal lodger	ascending supremacy
apologetic explanation	ascetic devotion
apostrophic dignity	ascribed productiveness
appalling difficulties	aspiring genius
apparent significance	assembled arguments
appealing picture	asserted activity
appointed function	assiduously cultivated
apposite illustration	assimilative power
appreciable relief	assumed humiliation
appreciative fervor	assuredly enshrined
apprehensive dread	astounding facility
apprentice touch	astounding mistakes
appropriate designation	astute observer
approving smile	athletic prowess
approximately correct	atmospheric vagueness
aptly suggested	atoning sacrifice
arbitrarily imposed	atrocious expression
arch conspirator	atrophied view
arched embrasure	attending circumstances
archeological pursuits	attentive deference
architectural grandeur	attenuated sound
ardent protest	attested loyalty
arduous quest	attractive exordium
arid formula	audacious mendicant
aristocratic lineage	audible intimations

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augmented force
august tribunal
auspicious moment
austere charm
authentic indications
authoritative critic
autobiographical pages
autocratic power
automatic termination
autumnal skies
auxiliary aids
available data
avaricious eyes
avenging fate
average excellence
averted calamity
avowed intention
awakened curiosity
awed devotion
awful dejection
awkward dilemma
axiomatic truth
azure sky

B

babbling gossip
bacchanalian desires
bachelor freedom
bad omen
baffled sagacity
balanced capacity
baldly described
baleful glances

balmy fragrance
bandying talk
baneful impression
banished silence
barbarous statecraft
barefaced appeal
barest commonplaces
barren opportunities
base intrigues
baseless assumptions
bashful modesty
basic principles
battered witticism
beaming countenance
bearish rudeness
beatific vision
beautiful modesty
beckoning horizon
becoming diffidence
bedraggled wretch
befitting honor
beggarly flimsiness
beguiling voice
belated acknowledgment
belittling fears
bellicose humanity
beneficent career
benevolent regard
benighted sense
benignant pity
beseeching gesture
besetting heresy
besotted fanaticism

bestial ferocity	boastful positiveness
bewildering maze	bodily activity
bewitching airs	boisterous edification
beyond peradventure	bold generalization
bibulous diversions	bombastic prating
bigoted contempt	bookish precision
binding obligation	boon companion
bitter recrimination	boorish abuse
bizarre apparel	bored demeanor
blackening west	borrowed grace
blameless indolence	bottomless abyss
blanched desolation	boundless admiration
bland confidence	bountiful supply
blank misgivings	boyish appreciation
blasphemous hypocrisy	braggart pretense
blatant discourse	bravely vanquished
blazing audacity	braying trumpet
blazoned shield	brazen importunity
bleak loneliness	breathless eagerness
blended impression	brief tenure
blessed condolence	briefless barrister
blighted happiness	bright interlude
blind partizan	brilliant emboliment
blissful consciousness	brisk energy
blistering satire	bristling temper
blithe disregard	brittle sarcasm
bloated equivalent	broadening fame
bloodless creature	broken murmurs
bloodthirsty malice	brooding peace
blundering discourtesy	brutal composure
blunt rusticity	bubbling frivolities
blurred vision	bucolic cudgeling
blustering assertion	budding joy

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bulky figure
buoyant pluck
burdensome business
burly strength
burning zeal
bursting laugh
busily engrossed
business acumen
bygone period

C

cabalistic phrase
cadaverous appearance
calamitous course
calculating admiration
callous indifference
calm resignation
calumnious suspicions
cantankerous enemy
canting hypocrite
capacious mind
capricious allurements
captivating speech
cardinal merit
careless parrying
caressing grasp
carping critic
castellated towers
casual violation
cataclysmic elements
causelessly frightened
caustic remark
cautious skepticism

cavernous gloom
ceaseless vigilance
celebrated instance
celestial joy
censorious critic
centralized wealth
ceremonious courtesy
cerulean blue
challenge admiration
chance reflections
changing exigencies
chaotic plans
characteristic audacity
charitable allowance
charming radiance
chary instincts
chastened hope
chatty familiarity
cheap resentment
cheery response
chequered career
cherished objects
childlike ingenuousness
chilled cynicism
chirpy familiarities
chivalrous spirit
choicest refinements
choleric temperament
choral chant
chronic frailties
churlish temper
circling eddyings
circuitous information

circumscribed purpose	comatose state
civic consciousness	combative tone
civilizing influence	comforting reassurance
clammy death	comic infelicity
clamorous vibration	commanding attitude
clangorous industry	commendable purpose
clarion tone	commercial opulence
class demarcations	commingled emotion
classical objugation	commodiously arranged
clattering accents	common substratum
clear insight	commonplace allusions
climactic revelation	compact fitness
clinching proof	comparative scantiness
cloaked nature	compassionate love
cloistered virtue	compelling force
close condensation	compendious abstract
cloudy magnificence	compensatory character
clownishly insensible	competent authority
cloying sweetness	competitive enterprise
clumsy talk	complacent platitudes
clustering trees	complaining sea
coarse necessity	complaisant observation
coaxing eloquence	complete aloofness
coercive enactment	complex notions
cogent statement	complicated maze
coherent thinking	complimentary glance
coined metaphor	component aspects
cold formalities	composed zeal
collateral duties	composite growth
collective wisdom	compound idea
colloquial display	comprehensive design
colonial character	compressed view
colossal failure	compromising rashness

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compulsory repetition
compunctious visitings
concatenated pedantries
concealed advantage
conceivable comparison
concentrated vigor
concerted action
conciliating air
concomitant events
concrete realities
concurrent testimony
condemnable rashness
condescending badinage
conditional approval
confessed ardor
confidently anticipated
confirmed misanthrope
conflicting influences
confused mingling
conjectural estimate
conjugal felicity
connected series
connotative damage
connubial love
conquering intelligence
conscientious objection
conscious repugnance
consecrated endeavor
consequent retribution
conservative distrust
considerate hint
consistent friendliness
consoling consciousness

conspicuous ascendancy
constant reiteration
constitutional reserve
constrained politeness
constructive idealists
consuming zeal
consummate mastery
contagious wit
contaminating influence
contemplative nature
contemporary fame
contemptuous disrespect
contented indolence
contingent reasons
continuous endeavor
contorted expression
contracted view
contradictory theories
contrary tendencies
contrasted types
controversial disputant
contumelious epithet
convenient footing
conventional verbiage
conversational decorum
convincing forcefulness
convivial habits
convulsive agony
cool confidence
copious materials
coquettish advances
cordial approval
corporate selfishness

corporeal constituent	critical judgment
correct forecast	crouching culprit
corresponding variation	crowning indiscretion
corroborated truth	crucial instance
corrosive effect	crucifying irony
corrupting tendency	crude affectation
cosmical changes	cruel handicap
cosmopolitan position	crumbling precipice
costly advantages	crunching jangle
counterbalancing power	crushing sorrow
countless barriers	cryptic saying
courageous eagerness	crystalline sky
courteous solicitude	crystallized conclusions
courtly bearing	culinary myrmidons
covert curiosity	culminating fascination
coveted honors	culpable behavior
cowardly concession	cultivated ferocity
cowering agitation	cultured idleness
coy reluctance	cumbrous fragments
crackling laughter	cumulative tendency
crafty deception	cunningly contrived
craggy eminence	curbed profligacy
cramped energies	curious coincidence
crass stolidity	current gossip
craven determination	curry favor
creative faculty	cursed inactivity
credibly informed	cursory acquaintance
creditable performance	curt formality
credulous superstition	curtained embrasure
creeping progress	cutting directness
criminal negligence	cycloramic sweep
cringing smile	cynical disregard
crisp dialogue	

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D

damaging admission
 damask cheek
 dampened ardor
 dancing sunshine
 dangerous temerity
 dappled shadows
 daring candor
 dark superstition
 dashing gallantry
 dastardly injustice
 dauntless courage
 dawning instinct
 dazed brain
 dazzling triumph
 deadly virulence
 deaf tribunal
 deathless structure
 debasing tendency
 debatable point
 debilitating features
 decadent poets
 deceiving mists
 decided superiority
 decisive manner
 declamatory treatment
 declared brotherhood
 decorously adorned
 deepening dusk
 deep-seated curiosity
 deep-toned lamentations
 defective construction

defenseless innocence
 defensive alliance
 deferential regard
 defiant coldness
 deficient vitality
 definite conception
 deformed visage
 deft evasion
 degrading tendencies
 delectable speculations
 delegated power
 deliberate abnegation
 delicate discrimination
 delicious vagueness
 delightful variation
 delirious ecstasies
 delusive charm
 demagogic style
 democratic institutions
 demoniacal force
 demonstrable conclusion
 demoralizing luxury
 demure composure
 denunciatory terms
 departed glories
 deplorable decay
 deprecatory shrug
 depressing concomitants
 depthless forest
 derisive voice
 derogatory denial
 descriptive power
 desecrated ideals

deserted desert
deserved approbation
desirable distinction
desolating dread
despairing austerity
desperate defiance
despicable vices
despondent exaggeration
despotic rulers
destructive radicalism
desultory vacillation
detailed portraiture
detected hypocrisies
determinate swing
detestable purpose
dethroned princes
detrimental result
devastating effect
devilish sophistries
deviously subtle
devitalized personality
devoted attachment
devouring ambition
devout thanksgiving
dewy coolness
dexterous impudence
diabolical passion
dialectic power
diametrically opposite
dictatorial manner
dictionary significance
didactic exposition
different distortion

difficult portraiture
diffident civility
diffuse verbosity
dignified austerity
digressional adventure
dilettante mind
diligently propagated
dim comprehension
diminished efficacy
diminutive stature
diplomatic skill
dire consummation
direct obligation
disappointing attitude
disarmed criticism
disastrous termination
discarded reminiscences
discerning critic
disciplined mind
disclosed insincerity
discomfited opponent
disconcerted conjecture
disconnected fancies
disconsolate opinions
discordant sounds
discredited statement
discretionary opinion
discriminating homage
discursive staggerings
disdainful comment
diseased hallucinations
disembodied personality
disengaged air

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disfiguring disguise
disgraceful plight
disgruntled pessimist
disguised contempt
disgusted protest
disheartening facts
dishonorable submission
disillusioned youth
disintegrating tendency
disinterested motive
disjoined reminiscences
dismal seclusion
dismantled appearance
disordered imagination
disparaging criticism
dispassionate judgment
dispelling fear
displeasing softness
disproportionate ideas
disputative philosopher
disquieting thrill
disreputable aspect
dissenting opinion
dissimilar laws
dissipated illusion
dissolute audacity
dissolving years
dissonant jargon
distant adherent
distasteful notion
distempered feeling
distinct desideratum
distorted vanity

distracting babble
distraught air
distressing laxity
disturbed equanimity
diurnal rotation
divergent calculations
diversified attributes
diverting interests
divine potentialities
dizzy precipice
documentary evidence
dogged determination
doggerel expressions
dogmatic assurance
doleful forebodings
domestic endearment
dominating influence
domineering insolence
dormant capacities
doubly odious
doubtful authenticity
downright nonsense
downtrodden drudge
drab apology
dramatic liveliness
drastic action
dread presence
dreaming adventurer
dreamless rest
dreary disrelish
droll incongruity
droning world
drowsy tranquillity

dubious success
ductile language
dulcet tone
dull aversion
dumb surprise
dumbfounded amazement
durable impression
dusky obscurity
dutiful compliance
dynamic energy
dynastic insolence

E

eager animosity
early servitude
earnestly espoused
earthly splendor
easy garrulity
eccentric casuists
ecclesiastical rule
echoless silence
economic absurdity
ecstatically happy
edifying exhortation
educational enterprise
effective embellishment
effectual stimulus
effeminate grace
effervescent multitude
effete aristocracy
efficacious power
efficient education
efflorescent style
effulgent daybeams
egoistic sentiment
egregious mistake
ejaculatory prayer
elaborate composition
elastic ductility
electric effluvium
elegant mediocrity
elemental emotions
elephantine footsteps
elevated enjoyment
elfish grace
eloquent refutation
elusive charm
emancipating labors
embarrassing variety
embellished truths
embittered gaze
emblazoned pinnacles
embryo enterprise
emerald scintillations
eminent nonentity
emotional warmth
emotive power
emphatic earnestness
empirical corroboration
empty phraseology
emulative zeal
enamored troubadour
enchanted garden
encircling embrace
endearing appellation
endless dissertation

enduring charm	equivocal compliment
energetic enthusiasm	erotic poem
enervating humility	errant thoughts
enfeebled activity	erratic flight
enforced silence	erroneous assumption
engaging affability	erudite labors
engendered feelings	eruptive violence
engrossing purpose	esoteric doctrine
engulfing waters	especial pleasure
enhanced reputation	essential prerequisite
enigmatical silence	estimable qualities
enlightened solicitude	eternal hostility
enlivened monotony	ethereal azure
ennobling personality	ethical wisdom
enormously outbalanced	euphuistic affectations
enraptured attention	evanescent glances
enriched experience	evangelic doctrine
entangled subject	evasive answer
enthraling charm	eventful circumstance
enthusiastic adherents	eventual failure
enticing odors	everlasting mysteries
entire domain	everyday reality
entrancing sadness	evident authority
enveloping presence	evil necromancy
envenomed attacks	eviscerating shrieks
enviable superiority	exact antithesis
environing conditions	exacting taskmaster
ephemeral duration	exaggerated estimate
epicurean taste	exalted imagination
epigrammatic sallies	exasperating coolness
equable composure	exceedingly acceptable
equally efficacious	excellent discernment
equitably governed	exceptional magnitude

excessive zeal
excitable temperament
exclusive pursuit
excretory secretion
excruciating accents
excursive fancy
execrable villainy
executive efficiency
exemplary conduct
exhaustless energy
exhilarating charm
exoteric scorn
exotic appearance
expansive benevolence
expectant throng
expeditionary force
expeditiously secreted
experimental suggestion
expiatory sacrifices
explicit injunction
explosive violence
expressionless visage
expressive lineaments
exquisite tact
extemporaneous effusion
extended magnitude
extenuating circumstance
external cheerfulness
extraneous ideas
extraordinary vivacity
extravagant caprice
extremely picturesque

exuberant mirth
exultant condition

F

facetious mood
facile criticism
factitious propensity
faded magnificence
faintly sinister
faithfully perpetuated
fallacious hopes
false illusions
faltering tongue
familiar sacredness
famished voracity
fanatical admiration
fanciful alliance
fantastic display
farcical expedient
far-reaching influence
fascinating illusiveness
fashioned symmetrically
fastidious taste
fatal disclosure
fatalistic belief
fathomless powers
fatiguing assertion
fattening servitude
fatuous pedantry
faultless taste
favorable augury
fawning flatteries
fearful imprecations

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fearless integrity	flaming zeal
feasible mode	flashing wit
feeble dribble	flat denial
feigned reluctance	flattering aspect
felicitous expression	flaunting insolence
feminine capriciousness	flawless constitution
ferocious foe	fleecy clouds
fertile fancy	fleeting intimation
fervent invocation	flickering conscience
fervid enthusiasm	flighty obstinacy
festive illuminations	flimsy organization
fetid dampness	flippant ease
fettered tyranny	floating blackness
feverish bewilderment	florid oratory
fickle fancy	flowery circumlocution
fictitious pretext	flowing imagery
fidgety impatience	fluctuating light
fierce resentment	fluent sophist
fiery indignation	fluffy indignation
figurative eloquence	fluid ideas
filial tenderness	flushed embarrassment
final enthronement	fluttering laugh
fine sensibilities	focused attention
finished artistry	foggy notion
fireside delights	fond enthusiast
fitful desire	foolish frenzy
fitting opportunity	forbearing silence
fizzing flame	forbidding air
flaccid faith	forceful audacity
flagging popularity	foregone conclusion
flagitious attack	foremost opponent
flagrant boasting	forensic orator
flamboyant brilliancy	forest stillness

forgotten graveyard
forlorn desolation
formal acquiescence
formidable barrier
formless jottings
formulated conclusions
fortified selfishness
fortuitous circumstance
foul calumny
fragile form
fragmentary facts
fragrant reminiscence
frail craft
frank admiration
frantic ardor
fraternal pity
freakish humor
freeborn soul
freezing disdain
frenzied haste
frequent digression
fresh impetus
freshening breeze
fretful discontent
friendly familiarity
frightened sense
frightful apparition
frigid disdain
frisky lightness
frivolous expedient
frolicsome extravagance
frozen wonder
fructifying thought

fruitful indignation
fruitless repining
fugitive thoughts
full plenitude
fulsome praise
fumbling endeavor
functional disparity
fundamental principles
funereal gloom
furious invective
furrowed cheeks
furtive glance
fussy enthusiasms
futile babble

G

gabbling reminiscences
galling thought
galvanic jumpings
gaping chasm
garbled information
garish decorations
garnered experience
gathering gloom
gaudy embellishments
gaunt specter
gay defiance
general acclamation
generative influence
generic characteristics
generous abundance
genial tolerance
genteel parlance
gentle blandishments

gentlemanly personage
genuine cynicism
geological enigma
geometrical progression
germinal idea
ghastly loneliness
ghostly apparitions
giant height
giddy pleasure
gifted intelligence
gigantic sagacity
girlish sprightliness
gladdening influence
gladiatorial exercise
gladsome glow
glaring impropriety
glassy smoothness
gleaming escutcheon
gleeful spirit
glibly condoned
gliding measures
glimmering idea
glistening dewdrop
glittering epigram
gloomy musing
glorious freedom
glossed faults
glowering countenance
glowing anticipations
gnawing thoughts
godlike independence
golden opportunity
good-humored gibes

gorgeous splendor
gossiping opinion
governing impulse
graceful demeanor
gracious immunity
graduated sequence
grandiose nomenclature
graphic portrayal
grasping credulity
gratuitous rudeness
grave reticence
greedy grasp
gregarious humanity
grievously mistaken
grim swiftness
grinding despotism
grinning ghosts
griping fascination
grizzled warrior
gross exaggeration
grotesque perversion
groundless fear
groveling servility
growing tension
grudging thanks
grumbling monotone
guileless zeal
gullible humanity
gurgling brooks
gushing enthusiasm
gusty clamor
guttural incoherence
gymnastic agility

H

habitual deference
 hackneyed statement
 hairbreadth difference
 halcyon innocence
 hallowed stillness
 halting praise
 hampered power
 handsomely recompensed
 haphazard ostentation
 happy intuition
 harassing anxiety
 hardened indifference
 harmless mirth
 harmonious grace
 harrowing details
 harsh jarrings
 hasty generalization
 hateful malignity
 haughty composure
 haunting despair
 hazardous enterprise
 hazy recollection
 headlong vehemence
 healthful vitality
 heartfelt amity
 heartless perfidy
 heartrending outcry
 hearty contempt
 heated discussion
 heathen hordes
 heavenly ecstasies
 heavy handicap

hectic tittering
 hectoring rant
 heedless love
 heightened charm
 heinous enormity
 helpless innocence
 herculean monster
 hereditary arrogance
 heretical opinions
 hermetically sealed
 heroic fortitude
 hesitating courage
 heterogeneous mass
 hidden pitfalls
 hideous phantom
 high-flying theories
 highly meritorious
 hilarious outbursts
 hillside mist
 hissing murmur
 historic edifice
 hoarded vengeance
 hoary antiquity
 hollow joys
 homebred virtues
 homeless wind
 homely pathos
 homespun play
 homicidal mania
 homogeneous whole
 honest admiration
 honeyed eloquence
 ! hooligan wind

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hopelessly befogged
 horrible swiftness
 horrid significance
 hortatory moonshine
 hospitable courtesy
 hostile partizan
 hot frenzy
 hovering presence
 howling chaos
 huddled faculties
 huge aspiration
 human derelict
 humanitarian impulse
 humbly propitiating
 humdrum inconsistencies
 humid luster
 humiliating discomfiture
 humorless variety
 humorous urbanity
 hungry satisfaction
 hurrying years
 hurtful indulgence
 hushed laughter
 husky shrillness
 hybrid emotions
 hypnotic fascination
 hypochondriacal terrors
 hypocritical pretense
 hysterical agitation

I

iconoclastic attitude
 icy smile

idealistic type
 identical mode
 idiomatic propriety
 idiotic obstinacy
 idle jesting
 idolatrous fervor
 idyllic nonsense
 ignoble domination
 ignominious retreat
 ill-concealed impatience
 illiberal superstition
 illimitable progression
 illiterate denizens
 illogical interruption
 illuminating insight
 illusive touch
 illustrative anecdote
 illustrious era
 imaginative warmth
 embittered controversy
 immaterial connection
 immature dissent
 immeasurable scorn
 immediate abjuration
 immemorial bulwark
 immense complacency
 imminent perplexities
 immitigable contempt
 immoderate grief
 immortal creation
 immovably silent
 immutable law
 impaired prestige

impalpable nothingness
impartial justice
impassable serenity
impassioned impulse
impatient yearning
impeccable felicity
impecunious exile
impelling movement
impending fate
impenetrable calmness
imperative necessity
imperceptible deviation
imperfect equipment
imperial authority
imperious mind
imperishable renown
impersonal compliment
impertinent drollery
imperturbable gravity
impetuous zeal
impious defiance
impish humor
implacable resentment
implicit faith
implied concealment
implored pardon
imponderable air
important epoch
importunate questions
imposing mien
impossible contingency
impotent desperation
impoverished age

impracticable obstinacy
impregnable fortress
impressionistic stroke
imprisoning limitations
improbable conjecture
impromptu utterance
improvising powers
imprudent indebtedness
impudent knowingness
impulsive gratitude
inaccessible dignity
inadequate appreciation
inadmissible expression
inadvertent remark
inalienable right
inanimate existence
inapposite blandness
inaptly designated
inarticulate lisping
inaugural discourse
inborn refinement
inbred taste
incalculable mischief
incarnate hate
incendiary opinions
incessant volume
incidental duty
incipient fancy
incisive critic
incoherent loquacity
incommunicable gift
incomparable excellence
incompletely apprehended

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inconceivable absurdity	individual valor
incongruous contrast	indivisible aspects
inconsiderable trifle	indolent neglect
inconsistent conduct	indomitable pride
inconsolable cares	indubitable signs
incontestable inference	indulgent construction
incontrovertible proof	indwelling delight
incorrigible merriment	ineffable disdain
incorruptible constancy	ineffaceable incongruity
increasing clamor	ineffectual blandishment
incredible swiftness	ineradicable coquetry
indecent saturnalia	inestimable honor
indecorously amused	inevitable corollary
indefatigable diligence	inexcusable laughter
indefeasible title	inexhaustible abundance
indefinable reluctance	inexorable authority
indefinite yearning	inexplicable reluctance
indelible obligation	inexpressible benignity
indelicate impetuosity	inextricable confusion
indented outline	infallible judgment
independent research	infamous pretense
indescribably lugubrious	infantile simplicity
indestructible atoms	infectious hilarity
indeterminable value	infelicitous arrangement
indifferent promise	inferential method
indigenous growth	infernal machinations
indignant denunciation	infinite deference
indirect interrogation	infinitesimal gradations
indiscriminate censure	infirm purpose
indispensable requisites	inflamed curiosity
indisputable chronicler	inflated optimism
indissoluble compact	inflexible integrity
indistinct association	influential voice

informing feature	insignificant blot
infuriated demagogues	insincere profession
ingenious trick	insinuatingly pursued
inglorious victory	insipid tameness
ingrained love	insistent babel
ingratiating exterior	insolent placidity
inharmonious prelude	insoluble riddles
inherent dignity	inspiring achievement
inherited anxieties	inspiring spectacle
inimitable felicity	instant readiness
iniquitous fortune	instantaneous cessations
initiatory period	instinctive disapproval
injudicious yielding	insufferably dull
injured conceit	insufficient appeal
inky blackness	insular strength
inmost recesses	insulting invectives
innate forbearance	insuperable difficulty
inner restlessness	insurmountable obstacles
innocent amenities	intangible something
innocuous desuetude	integral element
innovating spirit	intellectual integrity
inoffensive copiousness	intelligent adaptation
inopportune condition	intemperate scorn
inordinate ambition	intense perplexity
inquisitional rack	intensive cultivation
inquisitive observe	intentional garbling
insatiable vanity	interior spirit
inscrutable austerity	interlocking directorate
insecure truce	intermediate link
insensate barbarism	interminable question
insensibly flattered	intermingled gloom
inseparably associated	intermittent threats
insidious tendency	internal dissension

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interpolated speech
 interpretative criticism
 interwoven thread
 intimately allied
 intolerably tedious
 intoxicating hum
 intractable temper
 intrenched privilege
 intrepid dexterity
 intricate interlacings
 intriguing braggart
 intrinsic fecundity
 intrusive brightness
 intuitive perception
 invaluable composition
 invariable kindness
 inveighing incessant
 inventive jealousy
 inveterate antipathy
 invidious mention
 invigorating discipline
 invincible optimism
 inviolable confidence
 involuntary yearnings
 involuted sentences
 involved pomposity
 invulnerable solemnity
 inward disinclination
 irascible doggedness
 irate remonstrance
 iridescent sheer
 irksome task
 iron resolution

ironic iciness
 irradiating spirit
 irrational awe
 irreclaimable dead
 irreconcilable parting
 irrecoverably lost
 irrefragable laws
 irrefutable argument
 irregular constellations
 irrelevant suggestion
 irremediable sorrow
 irreparable injury
 irrepressible excitement
 irreproachable exterior
 irresistible will
 irresponsible gossip
 irretrievable blunder
 irreverent audacity
 irreversible facts
 irrevocable verdict
 irritable impatience
 isolated splendor

J

jaded sensibility
 jagged outline
 jarring discord
 jaundiced opinion
 jaunty confidence
 jealous animosity
 jesting allusion
 jingling alliteration
 jocular mirth

jocund host
jostling confusion
jovial fancy
joyful alacrity
joyous stagnation
jubilant antagonist
judicial impartiality
judicious candor
just rebuke
juvenile attempt

K

kaleidoscopic pictures
keen insight
kindled enthusiasm
kindly innocence
kindred sympathies
kingly generosity
knavish conduct
knightly achievement
known disingenuousness

L

labored levity
labyrinthian windings
lacerated feelings
lachrymose monotony
lackadaisical manner
laconic force
lagging footsteps
lamentable helplessness
languid impertinence
large receptivity

lashing scorn
latent conviction
laudable zeal
laughable absurdity
lavish liberality
lawless freedom
lazy acquiescence
leaden steps
leaping ambition
learned gravity
leering smile
legal perspicacity
legendary associations
legislative enactment
legitimate inference
leisurely composure
lengthening shadows
leonine powers
lethargic temperament
lettered coxcomb
liberal contemplations
lifeless imbecility
lifelong adherence
lightless eyes
lightly disregard
lightning glare
limpid twilight
lingering tenderness
linguistic attainments
liquid eloquence
lipping utterance
listening reverence
listless apathy

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literal exactness
 literary research
 lithe contortions
 little idiosyncrasies
 lively susceptibility
 livid lightning
 living manifestation
 loathsome oppression
 local busybody
 loftiest aspirations
 logical precision
 lone magnificence
 longing fancy
 looming probabilities
 loquacious assurances
 lordly abhorrence
 loud vociferation
 lounging gait
 loutish rudeness
 lovingly quizzical
 lowering aspects
 lowest degradation
 loyal adhesion
 lucid treatment
 lucrative profession
 ludicrous incongruity
 lugubrious question
 lukewarm repentance
 lumbering gaiety
 luminous interpretation
 lurid picturesqueness
 lurking suspicion
 lustrous surface

luxuriant richness
 lying equivocations

M

maddening monotony
 magic fascination
 magisterial emphasis
 magnanimous concessions
 magnetic fascination
 magnificent florescence
 magniloquent diction
 maidenly timidity
 main ramifications
 majestic dignity
 maladjusted marriages
 malevolent ingenuity
 malicious aspersions
 malign influence
 malodorous gentility
 manageable proportions
 mangled arguments
 manifest reluctance
 manifold functions
 manly reticence
 mantling smile
 manual dexterity
 manufactured melancholy
 marked individuality
 marketable commodity
 marshaled hosts
 martial footsteps
 marvelous lucidity
 masculine power

masked expression	merciless censor
massive strength	mercurial temperament
master achievement	mere generalization
matchless charm	meretricious allurements
material misconception	meridian splendor
maternal solicitude	merited ridicule
mathematical precision	merry jest
matrimonial alliance	metallic immobility
matured reflection	metaphysical obscurity
maudlin sentimentalism	meteoric splendors
mawkish insipidity	methodical regularity
maximum intensity	metrical exactness
meager evidence	microscopic minuteness
mean trickeries	mighty animosity
meaningless confusion	mild rejoinder
measured cadence	militant struggles
mechanical handicraft	military autocracy
meditatively silent	millennial reign
meek ambition	mimic gestures
melancholy musing	minatory shadow
mellifluous eloquence	mincing precision
mellow refinement	mingled decorousness
melodious platitudes	miniature imitations
melodramatic resource	minor impulses
melting mood	minute consideration
memorable experience	miraculous profusion
menacing attitude	mirroring lake
mendacious tongue	mirthful glance
mendicant pilgrim	mischievous effusion
mental metamorphosis	miserable musings
mercenary view	misleading notion
merchantable literature	misshapen oddities
merciful insensibility	misspent strength

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mistaken assumption
 mistrustful superiority
 misty depression
 mitigating circumstances
 mobile countenance
 mock seriousness
 modest cheerfulness
 modified sentiment
 moldy doctrines
 mollifying conditions
 momentary discomfiture
 momentous pause
 monarchical institutions
 monastic austerity
 monotonous sameness
 monstrous absurdity
 monumental structure
 moody silence
 moonlight witchery
 moral obliquity
 morbid imagination
 mordant wit
 moribund mediocrities
 mortal affront
 mortified coldness
 motley appearance
 mountainous inequalities
 mournful magnificence
 mouthing amplitude
 muddled opinion
 muddy inefficiency
 muffled detonations
 mullioned windows

multifarious activity
 multiform truth
 multiple needs
 multitudinous details
 mundane importance
 mural decorations
 murderous parody
 murky recesses
 musical diapason
 mute insensibility
 mutinous thoughts
 muttered warning
 mutual animosity
 myriad lights
 mysterious potency
 mystic meaning
 mythical kingdom

N

naïve manner
 naked eye
 nameless fear
 narcotic effect
 narrowing axioms
 nasal drone
 nascent intercourse
 national shortcomings
 native incompetence
 natural sluggishness
 nauseous dose
 nautical venture
 neat refutation
 nebulous uncertainty

necessary adjuncts
necromantic power
needless depression
nefarious scheme
negative approbation
negligible quantity
neighboring mists
nerveless hand
nervous solicitude
nettled opponent
neutral eye
new perplexities
nice discrimination
niggardly allowance
nightmare fantasy
nimble faculty
noble condescension
nocturnal scene
nodding approval
noiseless reverie
noisy platitudes
nomadic life
nominal allegiance
nonchalant manner
non-committal way
nondescript garb
nonsense rhymes
noonday splendor
normal characteristics
notable circumstance
noteworthy friendship
noticeably begrimed
notoriously profligate

novel signification
nugatory cause
numbed stillness
numberless defeats
numerical majority

O

obdurate courage
obedient compliance
objectionably apologetic
obligatory force
obligingly expressed
oblique tribute
obscure intimation
obsequious homage
observant eye
obsolete phraseology
obstinate defiance
obstreperous summons
obtrusive neatness
obvious boredom
occasional flights
occult sympathy
ocean depth
odd makeshifts
odious tyranny
odorous spring
offensive hostility
official asperity
olfactory sense
olive grayness
ominous rumors
omnipotent decree

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omniscient affirmation
 oncoming horde
 onerous cares
 onflaming volume
 opalescent sea
 opaque mass
 openly disseminated
 opinionated truculence
 opportunely contrived
 oppressive emptiness
 opprobrious epithet
 oracular utterance
 oratorical display
 ordinary delinquencies
 organic assimilation
 oriental spicery
 originally promulgated
 oscillatory movement
 ostensible occupation
 ostentatious display
 outlandish fashion
 outrageously vehement
 outspoken encouragement
 outstanding feature
 outstretching sympathies
 outward pomp
 outworn creed
 overbearing style
 overestimated importance
 overflowing sympathy
 overhanging darkness
 overmastering potency
 overpowering argument

overshadowing dread
 overstrained enthusiasm
 overt act
 overvaulting clouds
 overweening sense
 overwhelming solicitude
 overworked drudge

P

pacific disposition
 painful obstinacy
 painstaking reticence
 palatable advice
 pallidly illumined
 palpable originality
 palpitating emotion
 paltry hypocrisies
 pampered darling
 panic fear
 panting eagerness
 parabolic obscureness
 paradoxical talker
 paralyzing sentimentalism
 paramount authority
 parasitical magnificence
 parental permission
 paroxysmal outburst
 particularly notable
 partizan prejudice
 passing panorama
 passionate insistence
 passive obedience
 patchwork manner

patent example
paternal tenderness
pathetic helplessness
patient endurance
patriarchal visage
patriotic enthusiasm
peacefully propagated
peculiar piquancy
pecuniary privation
pedantic ineptitude
pedestrian vigor
peerless raconteur
peevish ingratitude
pending determination
penetrating warmth
penitential cries
penniless wanderer
pensive reflections
perceptible difference
peremptory punishment
perennial charm
perfect embodiment
perfunctory inquiries
perilous expedient
permanent significance
pernicious doctrine
perpetual oscillation
perplexing problem
persecuting zeal
persistent adherence
personal predilection
persuasive eloquence
pert prig

pertinacious solemnity
pertinent question
perusing earnestness
pervading tendencies
perverse quaintness
pessimistic skepticism
pestiferous career
pet aversion
petrified smile
petticoat diplomacy
pettifogging business
petty pedantries
phantom show
philanthropic zeal
philosophical acuteness
phlegmatic temperament
phosphorescent shimmer
photographic exactitude
physical convulsion
pictorial embellishments
picturesque details
piercing clearness
pinchbeck dignity
pining melancholy
pioneering spirit
pious platitudes
piquant allusions
pitiable frenzy
pitiless precision
pivotal point
placid stupidity
plainly expedient
plainspoken rebuke

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plaintive cadence
 plastic mind
 plausible commonplaces
 playful wit
 pleasing reveries
 pleasurable excitement
 plenary argument
 plentiful harvest
 plighted word
 poignant clearness
 pointless tale
 poisonous counsels
 polished ease
 polite indifference
 political malcontent
 polluting taints
 pompous platitudes
 ponderous research
 pontifical manner
 popular resentment
 populous fertility
 portentous gulf
 positively deteriorating
 posthumous glory
 potential energy
 powerful stimulant
 practical helpfulness
 precarious path
 precautionary measure
 precipitous flight
 precise purpose
 precocious wisdom
 preconceived view

predatory writers
 predestined spinster
 predominant habit
 pregnant hint
 preliminary assumption
 premature ripening
 premonitory symptoms
 preoccupied attention
 prepossessing appearance
 preposterous assertion
 prescient reflection
 prescribed conditions
 presiding genius
 pressing necessity
 pretended surprise
 pretentious dignity
 preternatural sagacity
 pretty plaintiveness
 prevailing misconception
 priestly austerity
 primal energy
 prime factor
 primeval silence
 primordial conditions
 princely courtesy
 prismatic blush
 pristine dignity
 private contempt
 privileged caste
 prized possession
 problematic age
 prodigally lavished
 prodigious variety

productive discipline
profane denunciation
professedly imitated
professional garrulity
proffered service
profitable adventure
profligate expenditure
profound conviction
profuse generosity
projected visit
prolegomenous babbler
prolific outpouring
prolix narrative
prolonged happiness
promiscuous multitude
promising scions
prompt courage
propagandist literature
propelling impulse
proper punctilio
prophetic vision
propitious moment
proportionately vigilant
proprietary sense
prosaic excellence
prospective success
prosperity revival
prostrate servility
protoplasmic ancestors
protracted agony
proud destiny
proverbial situation
provincial prejudice

provoked hostility
prudential wisdom
prurient desire
prying criticism
psychic processes
public derision
puerile fickleness
pugnacious defiance
pulsating life
punctilious care
pungent epigram
puny dimensions
purblind brutality
pure coincidence
purgatorial fires
puritanical primness
purplish shadows
purposed attempt
purposeful drama
pursuing fancies
pusillanimous desertion
pyrotechnic outburst

Q

quailing culprit
quaint peculiarities
qualifying service
quavering voice
queer tolerance
quenchless despair
querulous disposition
questionable data
questioning gaze

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quibbling speech
quick sensibility
quiescent melancholy
quiet cynicism
quivering excitement
quixotic impulse
quizzical expression
quondam foe

R

racial prejudice
racy humor
radiant happiness
radical distinction
raging billows
rambling looseness
rampant wickedness
rancorous animosities
random preconceptions
rank luxuriance
ranting optimism
rapacious speculation
rapid transitions
rapturous adoration
rare endowment
rarefied humor
rashly overrated
rational discourse
ravenous eagerness
ravishing spectacle
raw composition
reactionary movement
ready sympathy
realistic portrayal

reanimating ideas
reasonably probable
rebellious thought
reciprocal influence
reckless lavishness
recognized authority
recondite description
reconstructive era
recovered composure
recumbent figure
recurring doubt
reddening dawn
redoubled activity
refining influence
reflective habits
refractory temper
refreshing novelty
regal countenance
regretful melancholy
regular recurrence
relatively mild
relaxed discipline
relentless justice
religious scruples
reluctant tolerance
remarkable sagacity
remedial measure
remorseless logic
remote epoch
renowned achievement
repeated falsification
repelling vices
repentant sense

reprehensible action
repressed ardor
reproachful misgiving
repulsive spectacle
reputed disposition
requisite expertness
resentful flame
resilient spirit
resistless might
resolute daring
resonant gaiety
resounding blare
resourceful wickedness
respectful condescension
resplendent brightness
responsive throb
restless inquisitiveness
restorative influence
restricted meaning
resultant limitation
retaliating blows
retarding influence
retreating footsteps
revengeful scowl
reverent enthusiasm
revolting cynicism
revolutionary tradition
rhapsodical eulogy
rhetorical amplification
rhythmical movements
richly emblazoned
righteous indignation
rightful distinction

rigid propriety
rigorous reservation
riotous clamor
ripe reflection
rising misgivings
riveted attention
robust sense
rollicking mirth
romantic solitudes
rooted habits
roseate tints
rough brutality
roundabout approach
rousing chorus
royal exultations
rubicund tinge
rude awakening
rudimentary effort
rueful conclusion
ruffled feelings
rugged austerity
ruling motive
rumbling hoarseness
ruminating mood
rural imagery
rustic simplicity
rustling forest
ruthless commercialism

S

sacerdotal preeminence
sacred tenderness
sacrilegious violence
sacrosanct fetish

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sadly disconcerted
 sagacious mind
 sage reflections
 saintly serenity
 salient feature
 salutary amusement
 sanctimonious hypocrite
 sane observer
 sanguinary measures
 sanguine expectations
 sarcastic incredulity
 sardonic taciturnity
 satirical critic
 satisfying equipoise
 savage satirist
 scalding jests
 scandalous falsehood
 scant recognition
 scathing satire
 scattered distractions
 scholarly attainments
 scientific curiosity
 scintillating wit
 scoffing defiance
 scorching criticism
 scornful negligence
 scriptural exegesis
 scrubby foreland
 scrupulous fidelity
 sculptured sphinx
 scurrilous blustering
 searching eye
 secluded byways

secret dismay
 sectarian sternness
 secure anchorage
 sedentary occupation
 seditious speaking
 seductive whisperings
 sedulously fostered
 seeming artlessness
 seething hate
 selective instinct
 self-conscious activity
 self-deprecating irony
 selfish vindictiveness
 selfsame strain
 senile sensualist
 senseless gibberish
 sensibly abated
 sensitively courteous
 sensuous music
 sententious wisdom
 sentimental twaddle
 sepulchral quiet
 sequestered nook
 seraphic promiscuousness
 serene triumph
 serious resentment
 serpentine curves
 servile obedience
 sesquipedalian words
 settled dislike
 severe censure
 shabby imitation
 shadowy abstraction

shady retirements
shallow sophistry
sham enthusiasm
shambling gait
shamed demeanor
shameless injustice
shapeless conformations
shaping impulses
sharp rebuke
shattered reason
sheepish look
sheer boredom
sheltering hypocrisy
shifting panorama
shimmering gaiety
shining virtues
shivering soul
shocking rudeness
shoreless sea
shortening days
shrewd suspicion
shrewish look
shrill dissonance
shrunk wisp
shuddering reluctance
shuffling preliminaries
shy obeisance
sibilant oath
sickening jealousy
sidelong glance
significant symbol
silent agony
silken filaments

silly escapades
silvery sea
similar amplitude
simple rectitude
simulated rapture
simultaneous acclamation
sincere hospitality
singular sensitiveness
sinister forebodings
sinuous movements
skeptical contempt
skilfully maintained
skulking look
slackened tension
slavish imitation
sledge-hammer blows
sleepless soul
sleepy enchantment
slender resource
slight acceleration
slovenly deportment
slow stupefaction
sluggish resolution
slumbering stream
smacking breeze
small aptitude
smiling repose
smirking commonplace
smoldering resentment
smothered sob
smug hypocrisy
snappish impertinence
sneering jibes

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snowy whiteness
snug retreat
soaring ambition
sobbing wail
sober melancholy
social banalities
sociological bearing
soft allurements
solemn emptiness
solid knowledge
solidifying substance
solitary grandeur
somber relations
somewhat scandalized
somnolent state
sonorous simplicity
sophistical argument
soporific emanations
sordid selfishness
sorely beset
sorrowful resignation
soulless mechanism
sounding verbiage
sourly ascetic
sovereign panacea
spacious tracklessness
sparkling splendor
specialized skill
specific characteristics
specious artifice
spectral fears
speculative rubbish
speechless surprise

speedy extinction
spendthrift prodigality
spirited vindication
spiritual dazzlement
splendid irony
splenetic imagination
spontaneous challenge
sporadic exception
sportive gaiety
spotless honor
sprightly talk
spurious enthusiasm
squalid distress
squandered talent
squeamish taste
staggering surprise
stainless womanhood
stale sciolism
stalwart defiance
stammered apology
starved sterility
starlit eminence
startling eccentricity
starving proletariat
stately stride
statesmanlike person
statistical knowledge
statuesque immobility
staunch manhood
steadfast obedience
stentorian voice
stereotyped commonness
sterile hatred

sterling sense
stern defiance
stiff conceit
stifled convulsions
still solitudes
stilted bombast
stimulating impression
stinging reproach
stinted endowment
stipulated reward
stock pleasantries
stoic callousness
stolid obstinacy
stony stare
storied traditions
stormy passion
stout assertion
straggling association
straightforward logic
straightway vanished
strained interpretation
straitened circumstance
strange wistfulness
strenuous insistence
striking diversity
stringent statement
strong aversion
stubborn reality
studious reserve
stultified mind
stunning crash
stupendous magnitude
stupid bewilderment

sturdy genuineness
subaltern attitude
subconscious conviction
subduing influence
sublime anticipations
submissive behavior
subordinate pursuit
subsidiary advantage
substantial agreement
subterranean sunlessness
subtle sophistry
subversive accident
successfully dispelled
successive undulations
succinct phrase
sudden perturbation
sullen submission
summary vengeance
sumptuously decorated
superabundant energy
superannuated coquette
superb command
supercilious discontent
superficial surliness
superfluous precaution
superhuman vigor
superior skill
superlative cleverness
supernatural incident
supine resignation
suppliant posture
suppressed excitement
supreme exaltation

surging multitude
 surly tone
 surpassing loveliness
 surprising intimacy
 surreptitious means
 sustained vigor
 swaggering bully
 swampy flatness
 swarming population
 sweeping assertion
 sweet peaceableness
 swelling magnitude
 swift transition
 swinging cadence
 symmetrical brow
 sympathetic insight
 syncopated tune
 synthetic judgment
 systematic interaction

T

tacit assumption
 taciturn magnanimity
 tactical niceties
 tameless energy
 tangible realities
 tangled network
 tardy recognition
 tarnished reputation
 tart temper
 tasteful gratification
 tasteless insipidity

tattered mendicant
 taunting accusation
 tawdry pretentiousness
 tearful sensibilities
 tearing gallop
 teasing persistency
 technical precision
 tedious formality
 teeming population
 temerarious assertion
 temperamental complacency
 tempered pathos
 tempestuous breeze
 temporary expedient
 tenacious memory
 tender solicitude
 tense attention
 tentative moment
 tepid conviction
 termagant wife
 terrible sublimity
 terrifying imprecations
 terse realism
 testamentary document
 thankless task
 thawing laughter
 theological complexities
 thirsting ear
 thorny pathway
 thorough uprightness
 thoughtful silence
 thoughtless whim
 threadbare sentiment

threatened wrath
thrilling eloquence
throbbing pride
throneless monarch
thronging images
thundering rage
thwarted impulse
tideless depth
tigerish stealth
tightened ominously
timid acquiescence
tingling expectation
tinkling cymbal
tipsy jocularly
tip-toe curiosity
tireless egotism
tiresome braggadocio
titanic force
toilsome pleasure
tolerably comprehensive
tolerant indifference
tormenting thought
torn asunder
torpid faculties
tortuous labyrinth
tortured innocence
totally engrossed
touching pathos
tousled head
towering pride
traceable consanguinity
trackless forest
traditional type

tragic intensity
trailing sweetness
tranquil grandeur
transcendent power
transfiguring tints
transient emotion
translucent cup
transmuting touch
transparent complement
treacherous intelligence
treasured possessions
trembling anxiety
tremendous domination
tremulous sense
trenchant phrase
trifling superfluity
trite remark
triumphant boldness
trivial conventionality
tropical luxuriance
troubled inertness
trudging wayfarer
trustworthy source
tumultuous rapture
tuneful expression
turbulent times
turgid appeal
twilight shadow
twittered sleepily
twofold bearing
typical excellence
tyrannical disposition

U

ubiquitous activity	unblushing iteration
ugly revelation	unbounded hospitality
ulterior purpose	unbridgeable chasm
ultimate sanction	unbridled fancy
ultrafashionable world	unbroken continuity
unabashed insolence	uncanny fears
unabated pleasure	unceasing variation
unaccountable protervity	unceremonious talk
unaccustomed toil	uncertain tenure
unadorned style	unchallenged supremacy
unaffected pathos	unchanging affection
unaffrighted innocence	uncharitable ambition
unagitated abstraction	uncharted depths
unalloyed satisfaction	unchastised offense
unalterable determination	unclouded splendor
unanimous acclamation	uncomfortable doubt
unanswerable argument	uncommonly attractive
unapologetic air	uncommunicable quality
unappeasable resentment	uncomplaining endurance
unapproached supremacy	uncomprehending smile
unassailable position	uncompromising dogmatism
unassuming dignity	unconcealed aversion
unattainable perfection	unconditioned freedom
unavailing consolation	uncongenial task
unavoidable propensities	unconquerable patience
unballasted eloquence	unconscious serenity
unbeaten track	uncontrollable delight
unbecoming behavior	unconventional demeanor
unbending reserve	uncounted generations
unbiased judgment	uncouth gambols
unblemished character	uncritical position
unblinking observation	unctuously belaud
	undaunted defender

undazzled eyes
undefined anticipations
undeniable charm
underlying assumption
undeviating consistency
undignified peccadilloes
undiluted skepticism
undiminished relish
undimmed luster
undisciplined genius
undisguised amusement
undismayed expression
undisputed ascendancy
undistracted attention
undisturbed silence
undivided energies
undoubted authenticity
undue predilection
undulating hills
unduly troublesome
undying friendship
unearthly gladness
uneasy craving
unembarrassed scrutiny
unembittered sweetness
unending exactions
unenlightened zealot
unenvied insipidity
unequaled skill
unequivocally resented
unerring fidelity
unessential details
unexampled sweetness

unexhausted kindness
unexpected confidence
unfailing courtesy
unfaltering glance
unfamiliar garb
unfathomable indifference
unfeigned assent
unfettered liberty
unflagging zest
unflattering truth
unflecked confidence
unfledged novice
unflinching zeal
unfolding consciousness
unforced acquiescence
unforeseen vicissitudes
unforgivable tragedy
unfounded conjecture
unfulfilled longing
ungainly figure
ungarnished reality
ungenerously resolved
ungenial temperament
ungovernable vehemence
ungracious temper
ungrudging tribute
unguessed riches
unhallowed threshold
unhindered expression
unhappy predecessor
unheeded beauties
unheroic measure
unhesitating faith

unhindered flight
unholy triumph
uniform blending
unimaginable bitterness
unimpassioned dignity
unimpeachable sentiment
unimpeded activity
uninstructed critic
uninterrupted process
unique personality
universal reprobation
unjust depreciation
unknown appellations
unlettered laborer
unlikely contingency
unlimited opulence
unlucky dissembler
unmanly timidity
unmastered possibility
unmeaning farce
unmeasured hostility
unmellowed dawn
unmelodious echoes
unmerciful plundering
unmingled consent
unmistakably fabulous
unmitigated gloom
unmixed astonishment
unmodified passion
unmurmuring sea
unnecessary platitudes
unnumbered thousands
unobtrusive deference

unostentatious display
unpalatable truth
unparalleled atrocities
unpardonable error
unphilosophical dreamer
unpleasant excrescence
unprecedented advance
unprejudiced intelligence
unpretentious character
unprincipled violence
unprofitable craft
unpurchasable luxury
unqualified submission
unquenchable tenderness
unquestionable genius
unquestioning fate
unreasonable pretense
unreasoning distrust
unredeemable forfeit
unrefreshing sameness
unrelaxing emphasis
unrelenting spirit
unremembered winter
unremitting toil
unrepining sadness
unreproved admiration
unrequited love
unresentful disposition
unreserved assent
unresisted authority
unresolved exceptions
unresponsive gloom
unresting speed

unrestrained anger
unrestricted ease
unrivalled distinction
unruffled concord
unsatisfied yearning
unscrupulous adventurer
unseasonable apology
unseemly mirth
unselfish fidelity
unsettled trait
unshakable foundation
unshrinking determination
unslackened volubility
unsophisticated youth
unsparing abuse
unspeakable delight
unspiritual tone
unspoiled goodness
unstinted praise
unsullied virtue
unsurpassed purity
unswerving integrity
untameable energy
unthinkable hypothesis
untiring energy
untold calamity
untoward circumstances
untrammelled expression
untrodden woodland
untroubled repose
untuneful phrase
untutored mind
unusual audacity

unutterable sadness
unvarnished feeling
unwarranted limitation
unwasting energies
unwavering allegiance
unwearied diligence
unwelcome alliance
unwieldy bulk
unwilling homage
unwittingly mingled
unwonted kindness
unworldly foolishness
unworthy alliance
unyielding nature
uproarious laughter
upstart pretensions
useless fripperies
utmost scorn

V

vacant stupidity
vacillating obedience
vacuous ease
vagabondish spirit
vagrant wandering
vaguely discursive
vain contemplation
vainglorious show
valid objection
valuable acquisition
valueless assertion
vampire tongue
vanished centuries

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vantage ground
vapid generalities
variable temperament
variegated career
vast advantage
veering purpose
vehement panting
veiled insolence
velvety lawn
venerable placidity
venomous passion
veracious journals
verbal audacities
verbose manner
verdant hope
verifiable facts
veritable triumph
vernacular expression
vernal charm
versatile grace
vexatious circumstances
vicarious virtue
vigilant sensibility
vigorous invective
vile desecrater
villainous inconsistency
vindictive sentiment
violent agitation
virgin grace
virile leadership
virtual surrender
virtuous disdain
virulent prejudice

visible embarrassment
visionary dreamer
vital interpretatio
vitiating taste
vitriolic sneer
vivacious excitement
vivid portrayal
vociferous appeal
voiceless multitude
volatile fragrance
volcanic suddenness
vulgar prose
voluminous biography
voluntary relinquishment
voracious animosity
votive wreath
vulgar prosperity
vulnerable foe

W

wabbling enterprise
waggishly sapient
wailing winds
wandering fancy
waning popularity
wanton butchery
warbling lute
warlike trappings
warning prophecy
warped purpose
warranted interference
wasteful prodigality
wavering courage

waxwork sex
wayward fancy
weakly imaginative
wearisome wordiness
wedded incompatibility
weighty argument
weird fascination
welcoming host
well-turned period
weltering current
whimsical touch
whirling confusion
whirring loom
whispering breeze
whistling winds
whited sepulcher
wholesome aspirations
wholly commendable
wicked ingratitude
wide signification
widespread acclaim
wild extravagance
wilful waywardness
willing allegiance
willowy nothingness
wily antagonist
winding pilgrimage
windowless soul
winged fancies
winking stars
winning plaintiveness

winsome girlhood
wise dissertations
wistful entreaty
withering scorn
witnessing approval
witty expedient
wizard influence
woebegone countenance
woful weariness
wolfish tendency
womanlike loveliness
wonderful affluence
wonted activity
wordy warfare
worthy achievement
wounded avarice
wrathful pugnacity
wretched effeminacy
wriggling disputant
writhing opponent

Y

yawning space
yearning tenderness
yielding disposition
youthful ambition

Z

zealous devotion
zigzag method
zoologically considered

SECTION II

SIGNIFICANT PHRASES

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A

abashed and ashamed
abhorrence and repulsion
abilities and attainments
abject and hopeless
ably and vigorously
abrupt and perilous
absolute and eternal
absorbed and occupied
abstinence and self-denial
abstract and metaphysical
absurd and impertinent
abundant and sustained
abuse and slander
accentual and rhythmic
accidental and temporary
accomplished and popular
accurate and illuminating
achievement and character
acquisition and possession
active and aggressive
actual and immediate
acute and painful
admirable and accomplished
adorned and amplified
adroitness and judgment

adventurous and prodigal
advice and assistance
affable and courteous
affectation and coquetry
affectionate and warm-
hearted
affluent and exuberant
affright and abhorrence
agencies and influences
ages and generations
aggrandizement and plunder
agreeable and ingenuous
aggressive and sullen
aghost and incredulous
agility and briskness
agitate and control
agony and despair
aids and auxiliaries
aim and purpose
airy and frivolous
alarm and uneasiness
alert and unsparing
all and sundry
allegiance and fidelity
alone and undistracted
alterations and additions
amazement and admiration

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ambiguity and disagreement	arrogant and overbearing
ambition and determination	artificial and elaborate
amiable and unpretending	artistic and literary
ample and admirable	artlessness and urbanity
amusing and clever	ashamed and speechless
analytical and critical	aspects and phases
anarchy and chaos	aspiring and triumphal
ancient and venerable	assiduity and success
anecdote and reminiscence	assimilated and combined
anger and fury	assuaged and pacified
anguish and hopelessness	astonished and curious
animated and effective	astound and perplex
anomalies and absurdities	athletic and nimble
antagonism and opposition	atonement and forgiveness
antipathies and distastes	atrocious and abominable
antiquated and obsolete	attacks and intrigues
anxiety and trepidation	attention and respect
apathy and torpor	attitudes and expressions
apologetic and uneasy	attractiveness and ability
appalling and devastating	audacity and skill
apparent and palpable	august and splendid
appearance and surroundings	austere and icy
apprehensive and anxious	available and capable
appropriate and eloquent	avarice and cruelty
approve and admire	avidity and earnestness
apt and novel	awake and active
archness and vivacity	awe and reverence
ardent and aspiring	awkwardness and crudity
argument and inference	
arid and unprofitable	
arrangement and combination	

B

babel and confusion
 backbone and sinew
 baffled and disappointed

balanced and forceful
barbarity and wickedness
bards and sages
base and unworthy
beam and blaze
bearing and address
beautiful and majestic
bedraggled and disappointed
befogged and stupefied
beliefs and practises
bellowing and shouting
benevolence and candor
benign and hopeful
bent and disposition
benumbed and powerless
bewildered and stupefied
bigots and blockheads
billing and cooing
birth and breeding
bite and sting
bits and scraps
bitter and disdainful
black and solitary
bland and ingenious
blasphemous and profane
bleak and unrelenting
blend and harmonize
blessing and benediction
blind and unreasoning
blundering and plundering
blurred and confused
bluster and vulgarity
boast and assertion

bold and haughty
bombast and egotism
bone and sinew
boundless and unlimited
bourgeois and snobbish
brag and chatter
bravado and cowardice
brave and chivalrous
breathless and reverential
brevity and condensation
bribery and corruption
brief and pithy
bright and vivacious
brilliancy and grace
brisk and enlivening
broad and deep
brooding and solemn
brutal and degrading
bulks and masses
bungling and trifling
businesslike and practicable
bustle and business

C

cajoled and bullied
calamity and sorrow
callous and impervious
calmness and composure
calumny and exaggeration
candor and kindness
cant and hypocrisy
capable and efficient
capacity and ability

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capricious and unreasonable	clamorous and wild
career and occupation	claptrap and platitude
cares and anxieties	clarity and straightforward-
carping and ungenerous	ness
casual and transient	classical and perspicuous
causes and circumstances	clatter and clang
cautious and reticent	clear and decisive
celebrated and praised	cleverness and acuteness
celerity and violence	clogged and dulled
ceremony and splendor	clumsy and smudgy
certain and verifiable	coarse and grotesque
chafe and exasperate	coaxed and threatened
chagrin and despondency	coexistent and correlative
chance and opportunity	cogent and conclusive
change and variety	cohesion and sequence
chaos and confusion	cold and unemotional
character and temperament	comely and vivacious
characteristic and complete	comfort and security
charges and insinuations	command and threaten
charm and perfection	common and familiar
chaste and refined	commotion and annoyance
cheap and convenient	compact and complete
checked and thwarted	comparison and discrimina-
cheerfulness and gaiety	tion
cherish and guard	compass and power
chief and paramount	competent and experienced
chilled and stiffened	complaints and imprecations
choleric and sanguine	complaisance and readiness
churlishness and violence	complete and permanent
citation and allusion	complex and various
civility and communicative-	composure and gracefulness
ness	comprehensive and accurate
civilized and cultured	compression and pregnancy

conceal and deny
conceit and impertinence
conceived and consummated
concentrated and intensified
conception and treatment
concern and wonder
concise and emphatic
concrete and definite
condemned and upbraided
conditions and limitations
confession and doubt
confidence and loyalty
confusion and dismay
congratulations and welcom-
ings
connection and interdepen-
dence
conquered and transformed
conquest and acquisition
consciously and purposely
consistent and harmonious
conspicuous and impressive
conspired and contrived
constant and intimate
constructive and vital
contemn and decry
contempt and indignation
contentment and serenity
continuous and undeviating
contorted and fantastic
contradictions and inconsis-
tencies
contrast and comparison

contrivance and disguise
conventional and limited
cool and indifferent
copiousness and vivacity
cordial and cheerful
corruption and decay
costly and gorgeous
counselor and guide
countless and indescribable
courage and endurance
courted and fêted
courteous and sympathetic
coveted and deserved
coy and furtive
cramped and distorted
creative and inventive
credulity and ignorance
creeds and dogmas
crime and misdemeanor
crippled and maimed
crises and struggles
crisp and sparkling
critical and skeptical
crowded and jostled
crowned and sceptered
crude and primitive
cruel and rapacious
crumbling and shapeless
crushed and bewildered
cultured and refined
cumbrous and diffuse
cunning and cruelty
curious and inexpressible

curved and channeled
 customs and manners
 cynical and contemptuous

D

dangers and pitfalls
 daring and resolute
 dark and starless
 dart and quiver
 dashing and careless
 dates and details
 dazzled and confounded
 debased and demoralized
 debilitating and futile
 decencies and restraints
 deception and cruelty
 decided and definite
 declamation and delivery
 decline and decay
 deductions and inferences
 deep and subtle
 deface and injure
 defame and tarnish
 deference and concession
 defiant and antagonistic
 deficient and unskilled
 definite and memorable
 deft and offensive
 degraded and dishonored
 deliberate and effective
 delicate and lambent
 delight and consolation
 delusion and trickery

demands and expectations
 demeanor and conduct
 demoralizing and enfeebling
 denial and defense
 dense and luminous
 denunciations and censures
 deplorable and baneful
 depravity and frivolity
 depressing and discouraging
 depth and richness
 derision and skepticism
 described and classified
 desecration and decay
 designs and activities
 desires and motives
 desolation and wretchedness
 despatch and resolution
 desperation and defiance
 despise and satirize
 despoiled and destroyed
 despondency and melancholy
 despotism and coercion
 destitution and misery
 desultory and slipshod
 detached and isolated
 determined and courageous
 detestable and intolerable
 development and culture
 devoted and unwavering
 dictatorial and insolent
 diction and pronunciation
 differences and disputes
 difficult and arduous

diffidence and constraint
diffuseness and warmth
dignified and austere
digressive and wanton
dilatory and hesitating
diligent and sedulous
dim and distant
din and traffic
directed and controlled
disagreeable and painful
disappointed and abashed
disapprobation and condemnation
disapproval and apprehension
discipline and development
discomfiture and degradation
disconcerted and dismayed
discontent and disquiet
discords and differences
discouraging and distressing
discovery and invention
discretion and moderation
disdain and mockery
disfigured and shapeless
disgrace and ruin
disgust and dismay
dishonor and ruin
disillusioned and ironical
disintegration and decay
disinterested and gracious
disjointed and voluble

dislike and disdain
dislocation and chaos
dismay and apprehension
dispirit and discourage
disposition and power
disquietude and uneasiness
dissolute and hateful
dissolve and disappear
distant and diverse
distended and distorted
distinctive and appropriate
distinguishing and differentiating
distress and humiliation
distrust and aversion
disturbed and anxious
diverging and contracting
docile and obedient
dogma and ritual
dominant and permanent
dormant and subdued
doubt and trepidation
dramatic and sensational
drastic and revolutionary
dread and terror
dreams and ambitions
dreariness and desolation
dregs and sediments
drill and discipline
driveling and childish
drollery and ridicule
drooping and disconsolate
dubious and dangerous

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dull and spiritless
dumb and nerveless
dupe and victim
duplicity and equivocation
dust and oblivion
duties and difficulties
dwarfed and obscured
dwindle and disappear

E

eagerness and ecstasy
earnestness and animation
ease and lightness
ebb and flow
eclectic and assimilated
edifying and enchanting
education and skill
effective and competent
efficiency and success
egotism and bigotry
elaboration and display
elation and delight
elegance and gentility
elementary and simple
elevate and ennoble
eligibility and suitability
elongated and narrow
eloquent and expressive
elusive and exquisite
embarrassed and concerned
embittered and despairing
embodiment and actualiza-
tion

emerged and flowered
eminent and remarkable
emoluments and honors
emotion and passion
emphasize and magnify
employment and profession
encouragement and stimulus
energy and activity
enfeebled and exhausted
enfold and enwrap
engulfed and buried
enjoyment and satisfaction
enlightenment and progress
enraptured and amazed
enriched and ennobled
enslave and dominate
enterprising and intelligent
entertaining and diverting
enthusiasm and zeal
enticing and alluring
entire and complete
environment and training
envy and despair
ephemeral and feeble
episodes and interludes
epithet and description
quality and solidarity
equity and justice
erratic and confused
errors and infirmities
essential and predominating
estimable and agreeable
eternal and sublime

ethical and religious
 ever and anon
 evident and manifest
 exactitude and completeness
 exaggerate and distort
 exaltation and enthusiasm
 examination and comparison
 examples and models
 exasperations and parox-
 ysms
 excellent and worthy
 exceptional and remarkable
 excessive and unreasonable
 excitable and irritable
 exclusive and limited
 excusable and justifiable
 execration and defiance
 exertion and excitement
 exhaustion and fatigue
 exhibition and display —
 exhilarating and beneficial
 exigency and requirement
 expansive and digressive
 expediency and utility
 expensive and unprofitable
 experience and skill
 experiment and explorations
 expert and vigorous
 explanation and elucidation
 explore and examine
 expressions and exclama-
 tions
 expressive and effective

exquisite and powerful
 extent and importance
 extraordinary and unex-
 pected
 extravagant and grotesque
 extreme and morbid
 exuberant and infectious

F

fabulous and fabricated
 facile and brilliant
 facts and traditions
 faculties and powers
 faded and withered
 failures and misadventure~~s~~
 faint and obscure
 fair and impartial
 faith and reverence
 fallacy and danger
 false and fugitive
 fame and fortune
 familiar and gracious
 famous and foremost
 fancies and sentiments
 fanciful and chimerical
 fantastic and meretricious
 fascination and awe
 fashion and frivolity
 fastidious and exacting
 fatigued and careworn
 faults and delusions
 favors and kindnesses
 fear and bewilderment

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feasible and practical	fluttering and restless
feebleness and folly	focus and concentrate
feeling and passion	fogs and complications
felicitous and exquisite	foibles and follies
ferocious and mercenary	foiled and defeated
fertility and vigor	folly and indecorum
fervor and simplicity	fools and underlings
feverishly and furiously	force and effectiveness
fickle and uncertain	formal and cold
fidelity and zeal	formidable and profound
fierce and menacing	formlessness and exaggera-
fiery and controversial	tion
final and irreversible	fortitude and perseverance
finish and completeness	foul and ominous
firm and decisive	fragile and pale
first and foremost	fragments and morsels
fitful and capricious	fragrance and beauty
fitting and appropriate	frailties and absurdities
fixity and finality	frank and genial
flaming and mendacious	free and independent
flare and flicker	frequent and poignant
flatness and insipidity	freshness and fragrance
flattery and toadyism	fretful and timorous
flexible and spontaneous	friend and benefactor
flickering and ambiguous	frigid and pompous
flighty and impetuous	frivolous and empty
flippant and contemptuous	froth and effervescence
florid and healthy	frustrated and confounded
flotsam and jetsam	fuddled and contradictory
flow and fulness	full and sonorous
flowery and figurative	fumbling and blundering
fluctuating and transitory	fuming and bustling
fluency and flippancy	fun and satire

function and aim
fundamental and necessary
furrowed and ragged
furtive and illusive
fury and madness
fussing and fuming
futile and untrustworthy

G

gaiety and grace
gallant and proud
galling and humiliating
gaunt and ghastly
gay and genial
general and universal
generosity and prodigality
generous and humane
genial and refreshing
genius and reputation
gentle and amiable
genuine and infectious
germ and root
gesticulation and emphasis
ghastly and inconceivable
gifts and graces
gigantic and portentous
glamour and fascination
glare and pretension
glib and loquacious
glitter and glamour
gloomy and morose
glorious and gorgeous
glowing and exaggerated

glum and grim
goodness and rectitude
goodwill and merriment
gorgeousness and splendor
gossiping and grumbling
govern and overrule
grace and dignity
gracious and generous
gradual and progressive
graft and dishonesty
grand and sublime
grandeur and massiveness
grandiose and oracular
graphic and gorgeous
gratification and enjoyment
gratitude and generosity
gratuitous and ungracious
grave and stately
graveyards and solitudes
greatness and stability
greed and covetousness
grief and remorse
grim and sullen
grimaces and gesticulations
grope and fumble
grossness and brutality
grotesque and monstrous
grouped and combined
growth and development
guesses and fancies
guidance and inspiration
gush and hysteria
gusto and effect

H

habits and humors
 habitual and intuitive
 hackneyed and tawdry
 haggard and pale
 handsome and amiable
 haphazard and dangerous
 happiness and pleasantness
 harass and pursue
 hard and unsparing
 hardships and indignities
 harmony and beauty
 harsh and austere
 hasty and unwarranted
 hateful and loathsome
 haughtiness and arrogance
 hauteur and disdain
 hazard and peril
 hazy and indefinite
 headstrong and foolish
 healthy and vigorous
 hearth and shrine
 heartless and hypocritical
 heat and impatience
 heaviness and weariness
 hecklings and interruptions
 hectic and pitiful
 heretics and schismatics
 heritage and privilege
 heroism and wisdom
 hesitation and irresolution
 hideous and grotesque
 high and conscientious

hilarity and mirth
 hints and suggestions
 history and tradition
 hither and thither
 hoarse and rumbling
 hobbies and eccentricities
 hollowness and unreality
 holy and prayerful
 homeliness and simplicity
 honestly and confessedly
 honors and emoluments
 hooted and mobbed
 hopes and prospects
 horror and ghastliness
 hospitality and magnificence
 hubbub and confusion
 huge and unwieldy
 humane and sympathetic
 humility and devoutness
 humors and singularities
 hurry and bustle
 hushed and still
 husks and phantoms
 hypocrisy and impudence

I

ideas and achievements
 idle and presumptuous
 ignoble and shabby
 ignominy and misfortune
 ignorance and superstition
 illiterate and unfit
 ill-tempered and unjust

illuminative and suggestive
illustrative and typical
images and impressions
imagination and memory
imbitter and exasperate
imitators and disciples
immature and unpromising
immediate and instantaneous
immensity and intricacy
imminent and terrible
immovable and unchangeable
impalpable and spiritual
impassioned and energetic
impatient and restless
imperfection and fallibility
imperil and destroy
imperious and ruthless
impertinent and personal
impinging and inexorable
implacable and destructive
important and formidable
imposed and enforced
impossibilities and absurdities
impressible and plastic
improvement and progress
imprudent and thoughtless
impulse and indignation
inaccessible and audacious
inactive and supine
inadequate and misleading
inapplicable and alien
inarticulate and confused

inborn and native
incensed and alarmed
inchoate and tentative
incoherent and inconclusive
incompetence and ignorance
incomplete and erroneous
incongruity and absurdity
inconvenient and troublesome
incorrigible and irrepressible
incredulous and mortified
indefatigable and irresistible
indefinite and vague
independent and democratic
indifference and brevity
indigence and obscurity
indignation and chagrin
indirectly and unconsciously
indispensable and irreplaceable
indistinct and misty
indolence and indifference
indomitable and dogged
indorsed and applauded
indulge and cherish
industrious and vigilant
ineffective and bungling
inert and uncertain
inevitable and assured
inexhaustible and indomitable
inexperienced and timid
infallible and disdainful

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inference and suggestion
 infinite and eternal
 inflexible and unchanging
 influence and authority
 informed and competent
 ingenious and eloquent
 ingratitude and cruelty
 inharmonious and irregular
 injustice and inhumanity
 innocence and fidelity
 innuendo and suggestion
 inopportune and futile
 insanelly and blindly
 inscrutable and perplexing
 insecurity and precarious-
 ness
 insensibly and graciously
 insignificant and transitory
 insincere and worthless
 insipid and silly
 insistent and incongruous
 insolence and absurdity
 inspiring and animating
 instant and momentous
 instinctive and rational
 insulted and thwarted
 intangible and indefinable
 integral and indestructible
 integrity and honor
 intelligence and insight
 intense and overpowering
 intentness and interest
 interesting and engrossing

intimate and familiar
 intolerant and bumptious
 intractable and untameable
 intricate and endless
 intrusive and unmannerly
 intuitive and axiomatic
 invasion and aggression
 invective and innuendo
 investigation and research
 invidious and painful
 inviolate and unscathed
 invisible and silent
 involuntary and automatic
 irksome and distasteful
 irrational and excessive
 irregular and intermittent
 irreligious and immoral
 irremediable and eternal
 irrepressible and insistent
 irreverence and ingratitude
 irritable and churlish
 isolated and detached

J

jabber and chatter
 jagged and multifarious
 jargon and absurdity
 jaundiced and jealous
 jeer and scoff
 jeopardy and instability
 jests and sarcasms
 jocular and vivacious
 jostle and stumble

joy and felicity
jubilant and boastful
judgment and discretion
judicious and acute
juggled and manipulated
jumble and confuse
juncture and circumstance
jurisdiction and authority
justice and virtue
juvenile and budding

K

keen and pertinacious
kind and forbearing
kindle and intensify
kindred and analogous
kingly and autocratic
knavish and tyrannical
knowledge and conviction
known and recognized

L

labor and drudgery
lame and impotent
lamentable and depressing
languid and indifferent
large and opulent
lassitude and languor
latent and lifeless
latitude and scope
laudable and deserving
laughable and grotesque
lavish and wasteful

lawlessness and violence
laxity and forbearance
laziness and profligacy
leafage and fruitage
learning and austerity
legends and traditions
legitimate and logical
leisure and tranquillity
lengthy and diffuse
lenient and sympathetic
lethargy and sloth
levity and gaiety
liberal and ample
liberty and freedom
license and laxity
likely and plausible
limited and abbreviated
listless and inert
literal and exact
literary and artistic
lithe and sinewy
lively and poignant
loathsome and abject
lofty and sonorous
logical and consistent
loquacity and exuberance
loss and deterioration
loud and passionate
loving and reverential
low and groveling
loyal and devoted
lucidity and vividness
lucky and propitious

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lucrative and advantageous	means and materials
ludicrous and detestable	mechanical and monotonous
lugubrious and unfortunate	meddling and muddling
lukewarm and indifferent	meditative and sympathetic
lull and silence	meek and manageable
luminous and keen	melody and softness
lure and captivate	memorable and glorious
lurid and fiery	menace and superciliousness
luscious and lasting	merciful and chivalrous
luster and resplendence	merciless and un pitying
lusty and big-sounding	merit and virtue
luxury and pomp	mighty and majestic

M

madness and folly	mild and virtuous
magical and secret	mince and temporize
magnificent and luxurious	minds and memories
majestic and imposing	minuteness and fidelity
malice and revenge	mirth and joviality
malignty and spitefulness	misdemeanors and improprieties
manifold and complex	misery and degradation
manly and powerful	misrepresented and reviled
manner and conduct	misty and indefinite
marvels and mysteries	mobile and expressive
massive and compact	mockery and imposture
masterly and convincing	moderate and cautious
materialistic and sordid	modes and methods
maternal and filial	modest and retiring
maudlin and grotesque	molding and upbuilding
maxims and morals	momentary and languid
meager and bare	momentous and appalling
mean and debasing	monopoly and injustice
meaning and significance	monotony and indecorum
	monstrous and insupportable

moody and brooding
 moral and religious
 morbid and irritable
 motionless and commanding
 motives and aims
 mud and mire
 muddled and incoherent
 murmurs and reproaches
 muscularity and morality
 mutable and fleeting
 mute and insensate
 mutilated and disfigured
 muttering and murmuring
 mutual and friendly
 mysterious and incompre-
 hensible
 mystic and wonderful

N

nagging and squabbling
 nameless and obscure
 narrow and timorous
 natural and spontaneous
 nauseous and disgusting
 neatness and propriety
 necessarily and essentially
 needs and demands
 nefarious and malevolent
 negations and contradictions
 neglect and evade
 negotiate and bargain
 nerve and fiber
 neutral and colorless

nicety and precision
 nimble and airy
 noble and powerful
 nodding and blinking
 noisy and scurrilous
 nonsense and absurdity
 nooks and corners
 notable and conspicuous
 noted and distinguished
 noteworthy and intelligible
 notoriety and prominence
 nourish and foster
 novelty and freshness
 novice and ignoramus
 nucleus and beginning
 nugatory and ineffectual
 nullify and destroy
 number and variety
 numerous and important

O

oaths and revilings
 obdurate and impenitent
 obedient and dutious
 obeisance and submission
 objectionable and inexpedi-
 ent
 obligation and dependence
 obliquity and hypocrisy
 oblivious and insensible
 obloquy and detraction
 obnoxious and odious
 obscure and enigmatical

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obsequies and panegyrics
obsequious and conciliating
observations and reflections
obstacles and disasters
obstinate and stupid
obstreperous and noisy
obtrusive and vulgar
obtuse and imbecile
obvious and palpable
occasional and contingent
occult and hidden
occupations and habits
odd and dismal
odious and oppressive
offensive and aggressive
official and authoritative
oily and servile
old and decrepit
ominous and untrustworthy
omnivorous and sordid
oneness and unity
onerous and perplexing
open and inviting
opinions and hypotheses
opportunism and inconsistency
opposite and discordant
oppressed and sullen
optimistic and reassuring
opulence and magnitude
oracular and occult
order and uniformity
organic and rational

organization and system
origin and discovery
original and attractive
ornate and variegated
ostensible and explicit
ostentatiousness and gaiety
outlines and appearances
outrageous and scandalous
overburdened and confused
overcome and vanquish
overstep and contravene
overt and unmistakable
overwearied and outworn
overworked and fagged

P

pains and penalties
painstaking and cumbersome
pale and anxious
palpable and plain
paltry and inglorious
pampered and petted
parade and display
parched and dry
partial and provisional
particularly and individually
parties and sects
passion and prejudice
passive and indifferent
pastimes and diversions
patent and pertinent
pathos and terror
patience and perseverance

patriotism and reverence
pattern and exemplar
peaks and pinnacles
pedagogue and pedant
pedantries and affectations
pedigree and genealogy
peevishness and spleen
pellucid and crystal
penetrating and insidious
penned and planned
peppery and impetuous
perception and recognition
peremptorily and irrevocably
perilous and shifting
permanent and unchangeable
permeate and purify
pernicious and malign
perplexity and confusion
persistent and reiterated
personal and specific
perspicuous and flowing
perturbed and restless
perverted and prejudicial
pessimistic and disenchanting
pestilence and famine
petted and indulged
pettiness and prudence
petulance and acrimony
pharisaical and bitter
pictorial and dramatic
picturesque and illustrative
pilgrim and crusader

pillage and demolish
piquant and palatable
pith and brevity
pitiful and destitute
place and power
plagued and persecuted
plainness and severity
plaintive and mournful
plans and projects
plastic and ductile
plausibility and humbug
pleasant and pungent
pleasurable and wholesome
pliant and submissive
plot and verisimilitude
plunder and sacrilege
poetical and pastoral
pointless and ineffective
polite and elegant
political and sociological
pomp and pageantry
ponderous and unwieldy
poor and barren
possession and dominion
potent and prevailing
power and luxury
praise and commend
precedence and usage
precision and efficiency
preference and prejudice
pregnant and suggestive
prejudice and predilection
presence and address

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present and tangible
 prestige and authority
 presumptuous and futile
 pretentious and inept
 pretty and enchanting
 pride and indignation
 primary and essential
 priority and predominance
 probity and candor
 prodigal and careless
 profile and outline
 profound and philosophical
 profuse and tearful
 prolix and tedious
 prominence and importance
 promise and performance
 promptitude and dispatch
 proneness and readiness
 pronounced and diversified
 proof and illustration
 propensity and desire
 proportion and consistency
 propriety and delicacy
 prostration and loss
 protection and safety
 protesting and repelling
 protracted and fruitless
 provincialism and vulgarity
 prudent and sagacious
 puerile and sickly
 puffy and dissipated
 puissant and vigorous
 punctilious and severe

purity and simplicity
 purpose and intention
 pusillanimous and petty
 puzzled and affected

Q

quackery and incompetence
 quaintness and oddity
 qualities and gifts
 quarrel and wrangle
 queer and affected
 querulous and plaintive
 quibble and fabricate
 quickness and agility
 quiet and unobtrusive
 quintessential and nuclear
 quips and cranks
 quirks and graces
 quivering and fearful
 quizzical and whimsical

R

racked and oppressed
 racy and incisive
 rage and apprehension
 rank and learning
 rant and gush
 rapacity and villainy
 rapidity and precision
 rapt and silent
 rapture and enthusiasm
 rare and exquisite
 rashness and heedlessness

ready and spontaneous
real and positive
realistic and effective
reasonable and practical
rebellion and disloyalty
rebuffs and anxieties
receptive and responsive
recognized and honored
recoil and reaction
reconciliation and peace
recondite and abstruse
reconnoiter and explore
recreation and amusement
rectitude and delicacy
redeeming and transforming
refined and dignified
refreshing and invigorating
regard and esteem
regret and remorse
regular and symmetrical
rejection and scorn
reliable and trustworthy
relief and redress
remarkable and interesting
remorseful and sullen
remote and distant
rend and devastate
repellent and ungracious
repetition and reiteration
repress and silence
repugnance and aversion
repulsive and loathsome
resentment and indignation

reserve and coyness
resistless and implacable
resolution and effort
resonant and tuneful
resourceful and unscrupulous
respected and obeyed
responsibilities and burdens
restive and bored
restless and impatient
retaliation and revenge
reticence and repose
revered and cherished
reverses and disasters
revised and corrected
revolution and sedition
rhapsodies and panegyrics
richness and fertility
ridicule and censure
right and praiseworthy
rigid and inexpressive
ripeness and plenitude
rivals and antagonists
roar and ring
robust and rugged
rococo and affected
romantic and pathetic
rough and barren
roundabout and complicated
roused and stimulated
rude and fiery
rugged and inaccessible
rumors and impressions

rushing and gurgling
rust and disuse

S

sad and melancholy
sagacity and virtue
sane and simple
sarcastic and cruel
sayings and quibbles
scant and incidental
scattered and desultory
scenes and associations
scholastic and erudite
scientific and exact
scintillating and brilliant
scoffing and unbelief
scope and significance
scorched and shriveled
scorn and loathing
scrupulous and anxious
scrutiny and investigation
searching and irresistible
seared and scorched
secondary and subsidiary
secretive and furtive
sedate and serious
selfish and overbearing
sensational and trivial
senseless and unreasoning
sensibilities and emotions
sensitive and capricious
sententious and tiresome

sentiment and passion
serene and quiet
serious and studious
severe and saturnine
shabbiness and vulgarity
shadowy and confused
shame and mortification
shams and hypocrisies
shaped and sculptured
sharp and vigorous
shelter and safeguard
shifts and compromises
shivering and chattering
shocked and astonished
short and precarious
shreds and tatters
shrewd and diligent
shrill and piercing
shrinking and nervous
shy and subdued
significant and sinister
signs and tokens
silence and obscurity
similarities and resemblances
simple and straightforward
simpletons and nincompoops
sincerity and frankness
sinewy and active
skill and coolness
skulk and shirk
sleek and languid
slight and precarious
slipshod and untidy

slothfulness and perversity	squalid and dismal
slow and sluggish	stare and gasp
slumbering and unsuspected	stately and ponderous
small and hampered	statesmanship and character
smirched and tarnished	staunch and influential
smoothness and artifice	stay and solace
sneering and sentimental	steadfast and resolute
soberly and truthfully	steadily and patiently
softness and effeminacy	stealthy and hostile
solemn and dramatic	stern and unbending
solitary and idle	stiff and cumbersome
solitude and depression	stifling and venomous
sonorous and musical	still and translucent
sons and scions	stimulating and wholesome
soporific and sodden	stings and stimulants
sordid and stupid	stir and tumult
sorrow and lamentation	stolid and soulless
soulless and mindless	strain and struggle
sovereign and independent	strange and incomprehensi-
spacious and lofty	ble
sparkling and spontaneous	stratagems and plots
spasmodic and hysterical	strenuous and energetic
speedy and inevitable	strictly and absolutely
spicy and pungent	strife and contention
spiritual and invisible	striking and picturesque
spiteful and sordid	strong and youthful
splash and dash	structure and organization
splendor and glory	struggles and misgivings
spontaneity and intensity	studied and artificial
sportive and playful	stunned and insensible
sprightly and vigorous	stupor and despair
spur and impulse	sturdy and manly
spurious and misleading	style and temperament

suave and winning
sublime and aspiring
submission and patience
subordinate and dependent
substance and basis
subtle and elusive
suddenness and vehemence
suffering and desperation
suffused and transfigured
suggestions and stimulations
sullen and fierce
summarize and epitomize
sumptuous and aromatic
sunshine and smiles
superb and showy
supercilious and obstinate
superficial and obvious
superfluous and impertinent
suppressed and restrained
surmises and suggestions
surprise and wonder
susceptibility and vulnerabil-
ity
suspense and excitement
suspicion and innuendo
sustained and measured
sweet and wholesome
swelled and bloated
swift and stealthy
swoop and range
symbolism and imagery
sympathetic and consoling

T

taciturn and laconic
tactful and conciliatory
talkative and effusive
tame and insipid
tangible and sufficient
tangled and shapeless
tardy and belated
tartness and contradiction
taste and elegance
tattle and babble
taunt and reproach
tawdry and penurious
tears and lamentations
tedious and trivial
temperament and taste
temperately and judiciously
tempest and violence
temporal and evanescent
tenacity and coherence
tender and emotional
tense and straining
tentative and experimental
terrible and satanical
testiness and crabbedness
thankfulness and acknowl-
edgment
theories and speculations
thorough and effective
threatening and formidable
thrifless and unenterprising
thrilling and vitalizing
ties and associations

time and opportunity
timid and vacillating
tiresome and laborious
tolerant and kindly
tone and treatment
topics and instances
tormented and tantalized
tortuous and twisted
tottering and hopeless
touched and thrilled
tractable and gracious
traditions and practises
training and temperament
tranquillity and benevolence
transfuse and irradiate
transitory and temporary
transparent and comprehensible
treacherous and cowardly
tremble and oscillate
trenchant and straightforward
trials and tribulations
tricks and stratagems
trifling and doubtful
trite and commonplace
trivial and ridiculous
troublesome and menacing
truisms and trivialities
trust and confidence
truth and righteousness
turbid and noisesome
turgid and bombastic

turmoil and shouting
twisted and perverted
type and forerunner
tyrant and oppressor

U

unaccountable and grotesque
unaffected and undaunted
unapproached and unapproachable
unassuming and unpretending
unchangeable and enduring
unconsciously and innocently
uncouth and barbarous
unctuous and irresistible
undeveloped and ignorant
undignified and futile
uneasiness and apprehension
uneducated and inexperienced
unfamiliar and distant
unfettered and vigorous
unforced and unchecked
unfortunate and unparalleled
unfounded and incredible
ungracious and reluctant
unhappiness and discomfort
unique and original
unity and completeness
unjust and ungrateful

unlimited and absolute
 unnatural and harmful
 unobserved and unsuspected
 unobtrusive and tactful
 unparalleled and inexhaustible
 unpleasant and bewildering
 unpopular and unimpressive
 unprecedented and objectionable
 unpremeditated and heartfelt
 unpromising and scanty
 unprotected and friendless
 unreal and unsubstantial
 unreasoning and uncompromising
 unrecognized and unrewarded
 unseemly and insufferable
 unseen and unsuspected
 unsmiling and critical
 unswerving and unfaltering
 unthinking and careless
 untutored and infantine
 unusual and unexpected
 unuttered and unutterable
 unwholesome and vile
 upright and credible
 uproar and confusion
 upstart and braggart
 urbanity and unction
 utter and disastrous

V

vacillation and uncertainty
 vague and indistinct
 vain and profitless
 validity and value
 vanities and vices
 vapory and chaotic
 varied and animated
 varnish and falsehood
 vassals and inferiors
 vast and superlative
 vehement and clamorous
 veiled and unreadable
 venality and corruption
 venerable and interesting
 veracity and fidelity
 verbally and literally
 versatility and sympathy
 vexation and anxiety
 vibrating and sonorous
 views and experiences
 vigilant and inflexible
 vigorous and graphic
 violent and ill-balanced
 virtuous and wise
 virulence and invective
 visible and apparent
 visionary and obscure
 vistas and backgrounds
 vital and vigorous
 vitiate and poison
 vituperation and abuse

vivacious and agreeable
vivid and varied
void and nothingness
volatile and fiery
volubly and exuberantly
volume and impetus
voluminous and varied
voluntarily and habitually
vulgar and artificial

W

wandering and erratic
wanton and unnecessary
war and revelry
warp and woof
wasteful and circuitous
waxing and waning
weak and perfidious
wealth and distinction
wearisome and dull
weighed and winnowed
weighty and dominant
weird and fantastic
wheezing and puffing
whims and inconsistencies
wholesome and beautiful
wholly and solely
wicked and malicious

widened and amplified
wild and irregular
wily and observant
winking and blinking
winning and unforced
wise and beneficent
wistful and dreamy
wit and jocularity
withered and wan
woe and lamentation
wonder and delight
work and utility
worldly and ambitious
worth and excellence
wrath and menace
wretched and suppliant

Y

yearning and eagerness
yielding and obedience
yoke and bondage
young and fragile
youthful and callow

Z

zeal and vehemence
zenith and climax
zest and freshness
zigzag and deviating

SECTION III

FELICITOUS PHRASES

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A

ability, humor, and perspicacity
abrupt, rough, and immoderate
abstruse, metaphysical, and idealistic
abundant, varied, and vigorous
accessible, knowable, and demonstrable
accomplished, inventive, and deft-fingered
accuracy, ease, and grace
acquire, classify, and arrange
action, incident, and interest
active, learned, and liberal
acts, activities, and aims
actual, stern, and pathetic
acuteness, honesty, and fearlessness
addition, correction, and amplification
adventurous, eager, and afraid
affected, pedantic, and vain
affluent, genial, and frank
aggressive, envious, and arrogant
agreeable, engaging, and delightful
air, woodland, and water
alarmed, anxious, and uneasy
alert, hopeful, and practical
amazement, resentment, and indignation
ambiguous, strange, and sinister
amiable, genial, and charitable

amusing, sympathetic, and interesting
ancient, subtle, and treacherous
annoyances, shifts, and inconveniences
anxious, fearful, and anticipative
appearance, conversation, and bearing
approbation, wealth, and power
apt, explicit, and communicative
ardent, undisciplined, and undirected
arrogance, conceit, and disdain
artificial, rhetorical, and mundane
artistic, progressive, and popular
aspirations, dreams, and devotions
assured, stern, and judicial
astonishment, apprehension, and horror
attainments, possessions, and character
attention, forbearance, and patience
attract, interest, and persuade
augmenting, furthering, and reenforcing
austere, calm, and somber
authority, leadership, and command
avarice, pride, and revenge
awakened, girded, and active
awe, reverence, and adoration
awkwardness, narrowness, and self-consciousness

B

barbarous, shapeless, and irregular
beautiful, graceful, and accomplished
beggar, thief, and impostor
belittling, personal, and selfish
birth, rank, and fortune
bitter, baleful, and venomous
bland, patient, and methodical

blessing, bestowing, and welcoming
 blind, partial, and prejudiced
 blithe, innocent, and free
 bluster, swagger, and might
 body, soul, and mind
 boisterous, undignified, and vulgar
 bold, original, and ingenious
 bombastic, incongruous, and unsymmetrical
 bountiful, exuberant, and luxurious
 brain, energy, and enterprise
 brave, authoritative, and confident
 breadth, richness, and freshness
 breathless, confused, and exhilarated
 brief, isolated, and fragmentary
 brilliancy, energy, and zeal
 broad, spare, and athletic
 broken, apologetic, and confused
 brotherhood, humanity, and chivalry
 brusqueness, rudeness, and self-assertion
 brutish, repulsive, and terrible
 busy, active, and toiling

C

calculated, logical, and dispassionate
 calm, earnest, and genial
 candor, integrity, and straightforwardness
 capricious, perverse, and prejudiced
 careful, reasoned, and courteous
 cautious, prudent, and decisive
 caviling, petulance, and discontent
 censured, slighted, and despised
 certain, swift, and final
 chance, doubt, and mutability

character, life, and aims
charitable, just, and true
charm, grace, and glory
cheerful, modest, and delicate
childish, discordant, and superfluous
chill, harden, and repel
circumstances, properties, and characteristics
civilized, mild, and humane
clear, cloudless, and serene
cleverness, independence, and originality
coarseness, violence, and cunning
coherent, interdependent, and logical
cold, cynical, and relentless
color, intensity, and vivacity
comfort, virtue, and happiness
comments, criticisms, and judgments
common, dull, and threadbare
compact, determinate, and engaging
conceited, commonplace, and uninspiring
conception, direction, and organization
confident, inflexible, and uncontrollable
conflict, confusion, and disintegration
confused, broken, and fragmentary
conscience, heart, and life
conscientious, clear-headed, and accurate
consistent, thoughtful, and steadfast
consoling, pacifying, and benign
constant, wise, and sympathetic
constitution, temperament, and habits
convince, convert, and reconstruct
copious, redundant, and involved
corroding, venomous, and malignant
corrupt, self-seeking, and dishonest

countenance, voice, and manner
country, lake, and mountain
courage, patience, and honesty
courteous, patient, and indefatigable
covetousness, selfishness, and ignorance
credulous, weak, and superstitious
crimes, follies, and misfortunes
crisp, emphatic, and powerful
crude, warped, and barren
cruelty, violence, and injustice
culture, growth, and progress
cunning, cruelty, and treachery
curious, fantastic, and charming

D

danger, difficulty, and hardship
darkness, doubt, and difficulty
dazzle, amaze, and overpower
deadly, silent, and inaccessible
deceitful, lazy, and dishonest
decent, respectable, and sensible
decisions, affirmations, and denials
deep, flexible, and melodious
defeated, discredited, and despised
deferential, conciliatory, and courteous
definite, tangible, and practicable
deftness, delicacy, and veracity
degraded, defeated, and emasculated
dejected, discouraged, and disappointed
deliberately, coolly, and methodically
delicate, mobile, and complex
delightful, witty, and sensible
denounced, persecuted, and reviled

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dependent, subsidiary, and allied
depth, tenderness, and sublimity
desolated, impoverished, and embittered
despair, finality, and hopelessness
detailed, described, and explained
devastating, horrible, and irremediable
devout, gentle, and kindly
difficult, painful, and slow
digestion, circulation, and assimilation
dignity, solemnity, and responsibility
diligent, cautious, and painstaking
dingy, cumbersome, and depressing
directness, spontaneity, and simplicity
disciplined, drilled, and trained
discontent, revolt, and despair
discordant, coarse, and unpleasing
discourses, lectures, and harangues
disheveled, wild, and distracted
disinterested, patient, and exact
dislikes, jealousies, and ambitions
dismal, cold, and dead
dismay, remorse, and anguish
disordered, wild, and incoherent
dispassionate, wise, and intelligent
disposition, taste, and temperament
dissension, discord, and rebellion
distracted, hopeless, and bankrupt
disturbed, shaken, and distressed
diversified, animated, and rapid
division, prejudice, and antagonism
doctrine, life, and destiny
dogmatic, scientific, and philosophic
doubt, cynicism, and indifference

dragged, dirty, and slouching
dramatic, picturesque, and vigorous
dream, speculate, and philosophize
drunkenness, licentiousness, and **profanity**
dry, inane, and droll
dull, hideous, and arid
dullards, hypocrites, and cowards
dust, turmoil, and smoke
duties, labors, and anxieties
dwarfed, scant, and wretched

E

eagerness, heartiness, and **vehemence**
earnestness, zeal, and intelligence
ease, power, and self-confidence
easy, natural, and unembarrassed
effluent, radiating, and fructifying
egotistic, disdainful, and proud
elegant, convincing, and irresistible
emotion, affection, and desire
empty, noisy, and blundering
end, aim, and purpose
energies, capacities, and **opportunities**
enlighten, uplift, and strengthen
enmity, suspicion, and hatred
enrich, discipline, and embellish
enthusiasm, vehemence, and **spirit**
envy, jealousy, and malice
equable, animated, and alert
erect, elastic, and graceful
error, ignorance, and strife
essence, existence, and identity
esteem, confidence, and affection

evil, disease, and death
exact, logical, and convincing
examine, compare, and decide
excessive, inaccurate, and unliterary
excitements, interests, and responsibilities
experience, knowledge, and conduct
exposure, ruin, and flight
exterior, formal, and imposing

F

faded, dusty, and unread
failures, experiences, and ambitions
fair, proud, and handsome
fairies, sprites, and angels
faith, hope, and love
false, wicked, and disloyal
fantastic, absurd, and impossible
fear, dread, and apprehension
features, form, and height
feeble, illogical, and vicious
feelings, motives, and desires
fertility, ingenuity, and resource
fervently, patiently, and persistently
fibs, myths, and fables
fierce, dogmatic, and bigoted
figure, face, and attitude
fire, force, and passion
flit, change, and vary
flushed, trembling, and unstrung
foibles, tricks, and fads
foliage, color, and symmetry
follies, fashions, and infatuations
foolish, ignorant, and unscrupulous

force, grace, and symmetry
forcible, extraordinary, and sublime
foremost, preeminent, and incomparable
foresight, prudence, and economy
form, color, and distance
formless, silent, and awful
forward, onward, and upward
frank, kindly, and unfaltering
free, equal, and just
freedom, honor, and dignity
fresh, vigorous, and telling
fretfulness, irritability, and petulance
friendly, amiable, and sincere
frigid, austere, and splendid
fruitful, luminous, and progressive
full, animated, and varied
fulness, force, and precision
furious, sanguinary, and disorganizing
fustian, padding, and irrelevancy

G

gaunt, desolate, and despoiled
gay, easy, and cordial
generous, large-hearted, and magnanimous
genial, frank, and confiding
genius, learning, and virtue
gentle, firm, and loving
genuineness, disinterestedness, and strength
germinate, develop, and radiate
gesture, accent, and attitude
ghastly, hateful, and ugly
gibes, sneers, and anger
gifts, graces, and accomplishments

gladness, exaltation, and triumph
glean, gather, and digest
gloomy, silent, and tranquil
glow, grace, and pleasantness
good, gentle, and affectionate
gorgeous, still, and warm
grace, simplicity, and sweetness
gracious, mild, and good
gradual, cautious, and well-reasoned
gratitude, happiness, and affection
grave, disastrous, and wanton
gravity, sweetness, and patience
gray, monotonous, and uninteresting
great, grand, and mighty
greed, lust, and cruelty
grim, lean, and hungry
gross, ignorant, and impudent
growth, progress, and extension
guide, philosopher, and friend

H

habits, tastes, and opinions
hard, stern, and inexorable
harmony, peace, and happiness
harsh, intolerant, and austere
health, character, and efficiency
helpful, suggestive, and inspiring
helpless, hopeless, and downtrodden
high, lofty, and noble
high-spirited, confident, and genial
history, philosophy, and eloquence
homage, ability, and culture
honesty, probity, and justice

honors, riches, and power
hopes, aspirations, and longings
hot, swift, and impatient
humanity, freedom, and justice
humble, submissive, and serviceable
humor, fancy, and susceptibility

I

idle, profuse, and profligate
ignorance, fear, and selfishness
illuminating, chastening, and transforming
images, events, and incidents
imagination, judgment, and reason
immediate, sure, and easy
immethodical, irregular, and inconsecutive
impatient, inconsiderate, and self-willed
impetuous, fierce, and irresistible
impracticable, chimerical, and contemptible
impulse, energy, and activity
inclinations, habits, and interests
incoherent, loud, and confusing
incomparable, matchless, and immortal
inconsiderate, irritable, and insolent
indignation, surprise, and reproach
indirect, obscure, and ambiguous
indolent, dreamy, and frolicsome
inert, torpid, and lethargic
ingenuity, force, and originality
innocence, intelligence, and youth
inordinate, excessive, and extravagant
insight, knowledge, and capacity
insincere, partial, and arbitrary
insipid, commonplace, and chattering

insolence, injustice, and imposture
 intelligence, taste, and manners
 intense, weighty, and philosophical
 inventions, sciences, and discoveries
 irksome, painful, and depressing
 irresolute, procrastinating, and unenterprising
 irritable, sulky, and furious
 issues, hopes, and interests

J

jealousy, exclusiveness, and taciturnity
 jovial, ready-witted, and broad-gaged
 joyous, delightful, and gay
 justice, mercy, and peace

K

keen, clear, and accurate
 knowing, feeling, and willing
 knowledge, skill, and foresight

L

labors, anxieties, and trials
 large, rhythmical, and pleasing
 laughter, ridicule, and sneers
 lead, attack, and conquer
 learning, profundity, and imagination
 legislation, education, and religion
 levity, indolence, and procrastination
 libelers, reviewers, and rivals
 liberating, vitalizing, and cheering
 liberty, justice, and humanity
 light, easy, and playful
 literature, history, and legend

lively, careless, and joyous
lofty, serene, and impregnable
logical, clear, and consistent
loitering, heart-sick, and reluctant
lonely, sad, and enslaved
long, wailing, and passionate
lost, ruined, and deserted
loud, deep, and distinct
love, veneration, and gratitude
lucid, lively, and effective
luxurious, whimsical, and selfish

M

magnificent, sumptuous, and stately
magnitude, duration, and scope
majesty, beauty, and truth
malevolence, vanity, and falsehood
manly, refined, and unaffected
mean, pitiful, and sordid
meek, humane, and temperate
melancholy, grave, and serious
mercy, truth, and righteousness
methodical, sensible, and conscientious
might, majesty, and power
mild, sweet, and peaceable
mischief, cruelty, and futility
moans, shrieks, and curses
mobile, quick, and sensitive
modest, sympathetic, and kind
molding, controlling, and conforming
monstrous, incredible, and inhuman
moral, material, and social
motionless, staring, and appalled

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motives, purposes, and intentions
mountains, seas, and vineyards
moved, swayed, and ruled
murder, destruction, and agony
mystery, vagueness, and jargon

N

narrow, precise, and formal
natural, innocent, and laudable
neatness, order, and comfort
necessary, just, and logical
neglect, rashness, and incompetence
new, strange, and unusual
niggardly, sordid, and parsimonious
noble, laudable, and good
noise, clatter, and clamor
null, void, and useless

O

obscure, difficult, and subtle
observation, discrimination, and comparison
obsolete, artificial, and inadequate
obstinacy, stupidity, and wilfulness
officious, fidgety, and talkative
old, absurd, and meaningless
one, individual, and integral
openly, frankly, and legitimately
opposition, bitterness, and defiance
oppressive, grasping, and slanderous
opulent, powerful, and prosperous
organization, monopoly, and pressure
origin, character, and aim
original, terse, and vigorous
overriding, arrogant, and quarrelsome

P

pain, toil, and privation
pale, ugly, and sinister
parable, precept, and practise
partial, false, and disastrous
passion, tenderness, and reverence
patient, gentle, and kind
peace, order, and civilization
pellucid, animated, and varied
permanent, true, and real
perplexed, tedious, and obscure
personal, sharp, and pointed
perspicuity, vivacity, and grace
pert, smirking, and conceited
pervading, searching, and saturating
petty, unsuccessful, and unamiable
philosophy, morals, and discoveries
picturesque, daring, and potent
piety, charity, and humility
pillage, arson, and bloodshed
pious, patient, and trustful
pity, sympathy, and compassion
placable, reasonable, and willing
place, fame, and fortune
placid, clear, and mellow
plague, pestilence, and famine
plan, purpose, and work
pleasant, friendly, and amiable
pleased, interested, and delighted
pleasure, enjoyment, and satisfaction
plenty, content, and tranquillity
plodding, sedentary, and laborious
poise, dignity, and reserve

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polished, elegant, and sumptuous
politics, business, and religion
pompous, affected, and unreal
poor, miserable, and helpless
pose, gesture, and expression
powerful, dazzling, and daring
practical, visible, and tangible
precious, massive, and splendid
precise, formal, and cynical
prejudice, dulness, and spite
prepossessions, opinions, and prejudices
presiding, directing, and controlling
pride, passion, and conceit
princely, picturesque, and pathetic
principles, conduct, and habits
progress, order, and happiness
prolonged, obstinate, and continued
prompt, fiery, and resolute
propriety, perspicacity, and accuracy
prosaic, dull, and unattractive
protective, propitiatory, and accommodating
protests, criticisms, and rebukes
proud, reserved, and disagreeable
prudence, mildness, and firmness
puckered, winking, and doddering
pure, honorable, and just
purge, brace, and strengthen
purpose, intention, and meaning
puzzles, tangles, and questionings

Q

quarrels, misunderstandings, and enmities
questionous, disputes, and controversies

quicken, sharpen, and intensify
quiet, unaffected, and unostentatious

R

raise, refine, and elevate
rapid, robust, and effective
rapt, emotional, and mystic
raptures, transports, and fancies
rash, violent, and indefinite
readiness, skill, and accuracy
reading, reflection, and observation
reaffirmed, amplified, and maintained
real, earnest, and energetic
regard, esteem, and affection
relaxation, recreation, and pleasure
religion, politics, and literature
reminiscences, associations, and impressions
remote, careless, and indifferent
reparations, restitutions, and guarantees
repress, curb, and correct
reproach, shame, and remorse
reproof correction, and instruction
resentment, hatred, and despair
resolute, patient, and fervent
resourceful, steadfast, and skilful
respect, admiration, and homage
rest, respite, and peace
restless, discontented, and rebellious
restraint, self-denial, and austerity
reticent, restrained, and reserved
reverie, contemplation, and loneliness
rich, thoughtful, and glowing
ridicule, sarcasm, and invective

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rights, powers, and privileges
rise, flourish, and decay
robustness, elasticity, and firmness
romance, adventure, and passion
rough, barren, and unsightly
rude, sulky, and overbearing
rush, roar, and shriek

S

sacredness, dignity, and loveliness
sad, gloomy, and suspicious
safe, sensible, and sane
sanguine, impulsive, and irrepressible
sarcasm, satire, and ridicule
satiety, surfeit, and tedium
savage, fierce, and intractable
scheming, contriving, and dishonesty
self-absorbed, conceited, and contemptuous
self-conscious, artificial, and affected
self-exacting, laborious, and inexhaustible
selfishness, coarseness, and mendacity
sense, grace, and good-will
sensibility, harmony, and energy
sensitive, ardent, and conscientious
serene, ineffable, and flawless
serious, calm, and searching
settled, adjusted, and balanced
shallow, false, and petty
shapes, forms, and artifices
sharpness, bitterness, and sarcasm
shivering, moaning, and weeping
shrewd, artful, and designing
shy, wild, and provocative

sick, ashamed, and disillusioned
silent, cold, and motionless
simple, full, and impressive
sin, selfishness, and luxury
sincere, placable, and generous
skill, sagacity, and firmness
sleekness, stealth, and savagery
slovenly, base, and untrue
slow, reluctant, and unwelcome
smirking, garrulous, and pretentious
smooth, sentimental, and harmonious
smug, fat, and complacent
sneers, innuendoes, and insinuations
social, esthetic, and intellectual
solitary, sedentary, and lifeless
sound, human, and healthy
sour, malignant, and envious
spacious, clean, and comfortable
speechless, motionless, and amazed
spirit, vigor, and variety
spitefulness, dishonesty, and cruelty
splendid, powerful, and enduring
startling, alarming, and vehement
statesmen, philosophers, and divines
steadiness, self-control, and serenity
stern, forbidding, and unfeeling
stiff, decorous, and formal
strained, worn, and haggard
strange, dark, and mysterious
strengthen, invigorate, and discipline
strenuous, intelligent, and alive
striking, bold, and magnificent
stripped, swept, and bare

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strong, cool, and inflexible
studied, discussed, and debated
sturdy, energetic, and high-minded
style, manner, and disposition
subtle, delicate, and refined
successful, energetic, and ingenious
sudden, vehement, and unfamed
suggestive, stimulating, and inspiring
sullen, silent, and disconsolate
suppliant, gentle, and submissive
surprise, admiration, and wonder
suspicious, restive, and untractable
swiftness, mobility, and penetrativeness
sympathy, service, and compassion

T

talent, scholarship, and refinement
tameness, monotony, and reserve
taste, feeling, and sentiment
tedious, painful, and distressing
temper, pride, and sensuality
temperament, character, and circumstance
temperate, sweet, and venerable
tenderness, loyalty, and devotion
terror, remorse, and shame
terseness, simplicity, and quaintness
theatrical, sensational, and demonstrative
thought, utterance, and action
threats, cries, and prayers
thrilling, dramatic, and picturesque
thwart, criticize, and embarrass
time, thought, and consideration
touched, strengthened, and transformed

tradition, prejudice, and stupidity
tragic, tremendous, and horrible
transparent, theatric, and insincere
treachery, envy, and selfishness
tremulous, soft, and bright
trial, discipline, and temptation
tricks, shufflings, and frauds
trivial, labored, and wearisome
true, lasting, and beneficial
tyranny, injustice, and extortion

U

ugly, scowling, and offensive
unbending, contemptuous, and scornful
unclean, shameful, and degrading
undecided, wavering, and cautious
unearthly, horrible, and obnoxious
uneasy, overstrained, and melancholy
unity, emphasis, and coherence
unmodulated, cold, and expressionless
unphilosophical, unsystematic, and discursive
unscrupulous, heartless, and hypocritical
unwholesome, bewildering, and unprofitable
unworldly, peaceable, and philosophical
upright, kind-hearted, and blameless
urgent, tumultuous, and incomprehensible

V

vague, impalpable, and incongruous
vanities, stupidities, and falsehoods
venerable, patriotic, and virtuous
verities, certainties, and realities
vigilant, inveterate, and unresting

vigorous, subtle, and comprehensive
 violent, sinister, and rebellious
 virtue, genius, and charm
 visionary, fraudulent, and empirical
 vital, formidable, and dominant
 vivid, comprehensible, and striking
 vulgarity, ignorance, and misapprehension

W

waddling, perspiring, and breathless
 want, worry, and woe
 wasteful, indolent, and evasive
 watchful, suspicious, and timid
 wealth, position, and influence
 wearied, despondent, and bewildered
 weight, size, and solidity
 well-proportioned, logical, and sane
 whimsical, fantastic, and impracticable
 wholesome, beautiful, and righteous
 wicked, pernicious, and degrading
 wild, confused, and dizzy
 wilful, wanton, and deliberate
 will, energy, and self-control
 wisdom, patriotism, and justice
 wit, fancy, and imagination
 worthless, broken, and defeated
 wretchedness, deformity, and malice
 wrinkled, careworn, and pale

SECTION IV

IMPRESSIVE PHRASES

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A

able, skilful, thorough, and genuine
absolute, complete, unqualified, and final
accurate, precise, exact, and truthful
active, alert, vigorous, and industrious
actual, positive, certain, and genuine
adequate, uniform, proportionate, and equitable
adventurous, fine, active, and gossipy
adverse, antagonistic, unfriendly, and hostile
advisable, advantageous, acceptable, and expedient
affable, diffident, humble, and mild
affectionate, tender, loving, and attached
affluent, opulent, abundant, and ample
allurements, pits, snares, and torments
anger, indignation, resentment, and rage
animate, impel, instigate, and embolden
animosity, malice, enmity, and hatred
annul, frustrate, reverse, and destroy
anxiety, caution, watchfulness, and solicitude
apparent, ostensible, plausible, and specious
appropriate, use, arrogate, and usurp
approval, enthusiasm, sympathy, and applause
aptitude, capacity, efficiency, and power
arbitrary, dictatorial, domineering, and imperious
architecture, sculpture, painting, and poetry

ardent, impatient, keen, and vehement
 argue, discuss, dispute, and prove
 arrangement, place, time, and circumstance
 art, science, knowledge, and culture
 artful, wily, insincere, and disingenuous
 artificial, soulless, hectic, and unreal
 assemble, amass, accumulate, and acquire
 assiduity, tenderness, industry, and vigilance
 assurance, persuasion, fidelity, and loyalty
 attention, effort, diligence, and assiduity
 august, magnanimous, important, and distinguished
 authoritative, independent, arbitrary, and supreme
 avaricious, grasping, miserly, and parsimonious
 aversion, dislike, hatred, and repugnance

B

bad, vicious, unwholesome, and distressing
 babble, prate, chatter, and prattle
 barbarous, brutal, inhuman, and cruel
 base, cowardly, abject, and hideous
 battle, defeat, frustrate, and ruin
 bearing, deportment, manner, and behavior
 beg, entreat, implore, and supplicate
 beliefs, doctrines, ceremonies, and practices
 boorish, clownish, rude, and uncultivated
 boundless, immeasurable, unlimited, and infinite
 bravery, courage, fearlessness, and confidence
 breadth, knowledge, vision, and power
 brilliant, beautiful, elegant, and faithful
 broaden, enlarge, extend, and augment
 business, profession, occupation, and vocation

C

candid, sincere, familiar, and ingenuous
captious, petulant, peevish, and splenetic
cautious, discreet, considerate, and provident
certain, confident, positive, and unquestionable
chagrin, vexation, irritation, and mortification
character, disposition, temperament, and reputation
charm, fascinate, bewitch, and captivate
cheap, inexpensive, inferior, and common
cheer, animate, vivify, and exhilarate
chiefly, particularly, principally, and especially
childhood, youth, manhood, and age
circumstance, condition, environment, and surroundings
claim, grab, trick, and compel
clean, fastidious, frugal, and refined
clear, distinct, obvious, and intelligible
clumsy, crawling, snobbish, and comfort-loving
coarse, gross, offensive, and nauseous
coax, flatter, wheedle, and persuade
cogitate, contemplate, meditate, and ponder
cold, frigid, unfeeling, and stoical
commanding, authoritative, imperative, and peremptory
compassion, goodwill, admiration, and enthusiasm
confirm, establish, sustain, and strengthen
conform, submit, obey, and satisfy
confuse, distort, involve, and misinterpret
consistent, congruous, firm, and harmonious
cool, collected, calm, and self-possessed
copious, commanding, sonorous, and emotional
cowardly, timid, shrinking, and timorous
crazy, absurd, nonsensical, and preposterous
crude, rough, jagged, and pitiless

D

daring, cordial, discerning, and optimistic
darkness, dimness, dulness, and blackness
deadly, destructive, fatal, and implacable
deceit, delusion, treachery, and sham
deep, abstruse, learned, and profound
deficient, inadequate, scanty, and incomplete
define, explain, determine, and circumscribe
degrade, defame, humble, and debase
delicacy, daintiness, tact, and refinement
delicious, sweet, palatable, and delightful
democracy, equality, justice, and freedom
deny, dismiss, exclude, and repudiate
deprive, dispossess, divest, and despoil
describe, delineate, depict, and characterize
designed, contrived, planned, and executed
desperate, extreme, wreckless, and irremediable
despicable, abject, servile, and worthless
destructive, detrimental, deleterious, and subversive
desultory, discursive, loose, and unmethodical
detestable, abominable, horrible, and hideous
developed, revealed, measured, and tested
difference, disagreement, discord, and estrangement
difficult, arduous, intricate, and perplexing
diffuse, discursive, rambling, and wordy
diligence, attention, industry, and assiduity
disagreement, discrepancy, difference, and divergence
disconsolate, desolate, pessimistic, and impossible
discrimination, acuteness, insight, and judgment
disgust, distaste, loathing, and abhorrence
dissatisfied, rebellious, unsettled, and satirical
distinct, definite, clear, and obvious
distinguished, glorious, illustrious, and eminent

disturbed, shaken, distressed, and bewildered
docile, tractable, compliant, and teachable
dogmatic, bigoted, libelous, and unsympathizing
doubt, indecision, suspense, and perplexity
dread, disgust, repugnance, and dreariness
dreary, dispirited, unhappy, and peevish
dry, lifeless, tiresome, and uninteresting
dubious, equivocal, fluctuating, and uncertain
dull, heavy, painstaking, and conscientious

E

earth, air, stars, and sea
efficient, forcible, adequate, and potent
emaciated, scraggy, meager, and attenuated
endless, ceaseless, immutable, and imperishable
energy, eagerness, earnestness, and enthusiasm
enhance, exalt, elevate, and intensify
enormous, base, prodigious, and colossal
enrage, incense, infuriate, and exasperate
enthusiasm, devotion, intensity, and zeal
envy, discontent, deception, and ignorance
equitable, reasonable, just, and honest
equivocal, uncertain, cloudy, and ambiguous
eradicate, extirpate, exterminate, and annihilate
erroneous, faulty, inaccurate, and inexact
eternal, unchangeable, unerring, and intelligent
evil, misfortune, corruption, and disaster
exact, exacting, suspicious, irritable, and wayward
exalt, dignify, elevate, and extol
examination, inquiry, scrutiny, and research
exceed, outdo, surpass, and transcend
exceptional, uncommon, abnormal, and extraordinary
excitement, distraction, diversion, and stimulation

exhaustive, thorough, radical, and complete
expend, dissipate, waste, and squander

F

facile, showy, cheap, and superficial
faithful, truthful, loyal, and trustworthy
fame, distinction, dignity, and honor
fanatic, enthusiast, visionary, and zealot
fanciful, unreal, fantastic, and grotesque
fancy, humor, vagary, and caprice
fashion, practise, habit, and usage
fastidious, proud, gracious, and poised
fate, fortune, contingency, and opportunity
fatuous, dreamy, moony, and impracticable
fear, timidity, cowardice, and pusillanimity
feeble, languid, timid, and irresolute
ferocious, restive, savage, and uncultivated
fervent, enthusiastic, anxious, and zealous
fiction, fancy, falsehood, and fabrication
fine, fragile, delicate, and dainty
firmness, steadfastness, stability, and tenacity
flash, flame, flare, and glare
flat, insipid, tame, and monotonous
fluctuating, hesitating, vacillating, and oscillating
folly, foolishness, imbecility, and fatuity
foolhardy, hasty, adventurous, and reckless
fop, coxcomb, puppy, and jackanapes
force, vigor, power, and energy
formal, precise, stiff, and methodical
fortunate, happy, prosperous, and successful
fragile, frail, brittle, and delicate
freedom, familiarity, liberty, and independence
frightful, fearful, direful, and dreadful

frivolous, trifling, petty, and childish
fruitful, fertile, prolific, and productive
fruitless, vain, trivial, and foolish
frustrate, defeat, disappoint, and thwart
fully, completely, abundantly, and perfectly
furious, impetuous, boisterous, and vehement

G

gaiety, merriment, joy, and hilarity
gallant, ardent, fearless, and self-sacrificing
garish, embellish, beautify, and decorate
generous, candid, easy, and independent
genius, intellect, aptitude, and capacity
genteel, refined, polished, and well-bred
gentle, persuasive, affective, and simple
genuine, true, unaffected, and sincere
ghastly, grim, shocking, and hideous
gibe, mock, taunt, and jeer
giddy, fickle, flighty, and thoughtless
gleam, glimmer, glance, and glitter
gloomy, dismal, dark, and dejected
glorious, noble, exalted, and resplendent
glut, gorge, cloy, and satiate
good, safe, venerable, and solid
government, law, order, and organization
grand, stately, dignified, and pompous
grave, contemplative, reserved, and profound
great, joyous, strong, and triumphant
greed, avarice, covetousness, and cupidity
gross, academic, vulgar, and indiscriminate

H

habit, custom, method, and fashion
handsome, exquisite, brilliant, and accomplished

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harmless, innocent, innocuous, and inoffensive
harmony, order, sublimity, and beauty
harsh, discordant, disagreeable, and ungracious
hasty, superficial, impatient, and desultory
healed, soothed, consoled, and assuaged
healthy, hale, sound, and wholesome
heavy, sluggish, dejected, and crushing
high-minded, truthful, honest, and courageous
holy, hallowed, sacred, and consecrated
homely, hideous, horrid, and unsightly
honor, obedience, virtue, and loyalty
hopefulness, peace, sweetness, and strength
hopes, dreams, programs, and ideals
hospitable, generous, tolerant, and kindly
hot, hasty, fervent, and fiery
humane, gentle, kind, and generous
humble, simple, submissive, and unostentatious

I

idea, imagination, conception, and ideal
idleness, recreation, repose, and rest
ignominious, infamous, despicable, and contemptible
illumine, instruct, enlighten, and inform
imaginative, sensitive, nervous, and highly-strung
impatience, indolence, wastefulness, and inconclusiveness
impel, stimulate, animate, and inspire
imperious, wayward, empirical, and impatient
improvident, incautious, prodigal, and thriftless
impudent, insolent, irrelevant, and officious
inadvertency, carelessness, negligence, and oversight
indecision, doubt, fear, and lassitude
indifference, caution, coldness, and weariness
indolent, passive, sluggish, and slothful

ineffectual, powerless, useless, and unavailing
infamy, shame, dishonor, and disgrace
infantile, childish, boyish, and dutiful
informal, natural, unconventional, and careless
insolent, impudent, impertinent, and flippant
integrity, frankness, sincerity, and truthfulness
intellectual, moral, emotional, and esthetic
intense, earnest, violent, and extreme
invent, discover, design, and contrive
inveterate, confirmed, chronic, and obstinate
invidious, envious, odious, and offensive
invincible, unconquerable, insurmountable, and insuperable
irksome, tiresome, tedious, and annoying
irregular, uncertain, devious, and unsystematic
irritable, choleric, petulant, and susceptible

J

jangle, wrangle, squabble, and quarrel
jealousy, suspicion, envy, and watchfulness
joyful, lively, happy, and hilarious
judgment, discrimination, penetration, and sagacity
just, impartial, equitable, and unbiased
juvenile, childish, trifling, and puerile

K

keen, intelligent, penetrating, and severe
keep, protect, support, and sustain
kind, sympathetic, ready, and appreciative
kingly, noble, imperial, and august
knowledge, learning, enlightenment, and understanding

L

lapses, makeshifts, delays, and irregularities
lawful, legitimate, allowable, and just

lazy, listless, drowsy, and indifferent
 lightly, freely, unscrupulously, and irresponsibly
 lively, vivacious, vigorous, and forcible
 loss, deprivation, forfeiture, and waste
 loud, noisy, showy, and clamorous
 loutish, prankish, selfish, and cunning
 love, depth, loyalty, and faithfulness
 lucidity, impressiveness, incisiveness, and pungency

M

malice, anger, uncharitableness, and indignation
 malignity, brutality, malevolence, and inhumanity
 manners, morals, habits, and behavior
 marvelous, wonderful, extraordinary, and incredible
 massive, ponderous, solid, and substantial
 mastery, proficiency, dexterity, and superiority
 matchless, unrivaled, inimitable, and incomparable
 maxim, proverb, truism, and apothegm
 medley, mixture, jumble, and hodge-podge
 meekness, inwardness, patience, and self-denial
 merciless, remorseless, relentless, and ruthless
 mild, gentle, humble, and submissive
 mismanagement, indecision, obstinacy, and hardihood
 mixture, medley, variety, and diversification
 modesty, fineness, sensitiveness, and fastidiousness
 money, position, power, and consequence
 mood, temper, humor, and caprice
 motive, impulse, incentive, and intimation
 mysterious, dark, secret, and enigmatical

N

narrow, limited, selfish, and bigoted
 necessary, expedient, indispensable, and unavoidable

necessity, emergency, exigency, and crisis
neglect, overlook, disregard, and contempt
rice, finical, effeminate, and silly
niggardly, close, miserly, and parsimonious
noble, pure, exalted, and worthy
nonsense, trash, twaddle, and rubbish
novel, recent, rare, and unusual
noxious, unwholesome, mischievous, and destructive

O

obdurate, unfeeling, callous, and obstinate
obedient, respectful, dutiful, and submissive
object, propose, protest, and decline
obliging, kind, helpful, and courteous
obscure, shadowy, intricate, and mysterious
obsequious, cringing, fawning, and servile
observations, sentiments, ideas, and theories
obstinacy, pertinacity, stubbornness, and inflexibility
offensive, disagreeable, distasteful, and obnoxious
official, impertinent, insolent, and meddling

P

particular, precise, formal, and punctilious
passions, weaknesses, uglinesses, and deformities
patient, loyal, hard-working, and true
peace, quiet, tranquillity, and harmony
peculiar, individual, specific, and appropriate
perplex, embarrass, confuse, and mystify
phrases, figures, metaphors, and quotations
piteous, woebegone, dismal, and dolorous
placid, meek, gentle, and moderate
plain, transparent, simple, and obvious
play, diversion, pastime, and amusement
pleasant, jocular, witty, and facetious

pliable, ductile, supple, and yielding
 poetry, sentiment, morality, and religion
 polished, deft, superficial, and conventional
 polite, polished, cultured, and refined
 positive, direct, explicit, and dogmatic
 powerful, efficient, vivid, and forcible
 precise, delicate, discriminating, and fastidious
 prejudicial, injurious, noxious, and pernicious
 preposterous, irrational, unreasonable, and nonsensical
 pretense, subterfuge, simulation, and disguise
 prevent, restrain, dissuade, and dishearten
 primary, foremost, leading, and principal
 probity, directness, simplicity, and sincerity
 profession, business, trade, and vocation
 profit, advantage, benefit, and emolument
 profuse, excessive, copious, and extravagant
 progress, prosperity, peace, and happiness
 prolix, prosaic, prolonged, and wordy
 property, comforts, habits, and conveniences
 prudence, judgment, wisdom, and discretion
 pulsing, coursing, throbbing, and beating
 pure, kind, sweet-tempered, and unselfish
 purified, exalted, fortified, and illumined
 purpose, meaning, scope, and tendency

Q

quack, imposture, charlatan, and mountebank
 qualified, powerful, vigorous, and effective
 quality, property, attribute, and character
 quarrels, misunderstandings, enmities, and disapprovals
 queries, echoes, reactions, and after-thoughts
 quick, impetuous, sweeping, and expeditious
 quiet, peaceful, sane, and normal

R

racy, smart, spicy, and pungent
rational, sane, sound, and sensible
ravenous, greedy, voracious, and grasping
recreation, sport, pastime, and amusement
relation, work, duty, and pleasure
reliable, accurate, truthful, and duty-loving
reports, stories, rumors, and suspicions
reproach, dishonor, disgrace, and ignominy
restrained, calm, quiet, and placid
reverential, disciplined, self-controlling, and devoted
rigid, inelastic, stiff, and unbending
rough, rude, gruff, and surly
rude, curt, insolent, and unpleasant

S

sad, despondent, melancholy, and depressed
sane, sober, sound, and rational
scandalize, vilify, traduce, and offend
scanty, pinched, slender, and insufficient
science, art, religion, and philosophy
scope, design, purpose, and judgment
sensual, cruel, selfish, and unscrupulous
sentence, judgment, verdict, and doom
serene, composed, conservative, and orderly
several, sundry, many, and various
severe, stern, stiff, and stringent
shameless, corrupt, depraved, and vicious
shock, surprise, terror, and forlornness
simple, hearty, joyous, and affectionate
sin, injustice, grievance, and crime
skill, courage, prowess, and attractiveness
sleepy, soporific, sluggish, and dull
slim, slender, slight, and scraggy

slow, dilatory, slack, and procrastinating
solemn, profound, serious, and difficult
solicit, urge, implore, and importune
sorrow, disaster, unhappiness, and bereavement
spontaneity, freedom, ease, and adequacy
stately, stern, august, and implacable
steady, reliable, dependable, and well-balanced
stern, severe, abrupt, and unreasonable
stories, pictures, shows and representations
strength, agility, violence, and activity
strong, inventive, daring, and resourceful
sublime, consoling, inspiring, and beautiful
substantial, solid, strong, and durable
suffering, regret, bitterness, and fatigue
superficial, shallow, flimsy, and untrustworthy
superfluous, excessive, unnecessary, and redundant
suspicious, cynical, crafty, and timid
symmetry, proportion, harmony, and regularity

T

tact, courtesy, adroitness, and skill
talents, opportunities, influence, and power
talkative, selfish, superstitious, and inquisitive
tastes, appetites, passions, and desires
tease, tantalize, worry, and provoke
tenacious, stubborn, pertinacious, and obstinate
tendency, drift, scope, and disposition
tests, trials, temptations, and toils
theatrical, ceremonious, meretricious, and ostentatious
theory, assumption, speculation, and conjecture
think, reflect, weigh, and ponder
tortuous, twisted, sinuous, and circuitous
tractable, gentle, pliant, and submissive

traditional, uncertain, legendary, and unverified
traffic, trade, commerce, and intercourse
tricky, insincere, wily, and shifty
trite, ordinary, commonplace, and hackneyed
trivial, petty, frivolous, and insignificant
true, upright, real, and authentic
tumultuous, riotous, disorderly, and turbulent

U

ugly, evil, hateful, and base
uncertain, questionable, erroneous, and mistaken
unctuous, shrill, brisk, and demonstrative
unhappy, unfortunate, distressed, and disastrous
uninteresting, lifeless, obscure, and commonplace
unity, aggressiveness, efficiency, and force
unkind, severe, oppressive, and callous
unpractical, childish, slipshod, and silly
unreasonable, foolish, excessive, and absurd
unrivalled, unequalled, incomparable, and matchless
upright, high-minded, brave, and liberal
urgent, important, immediate, and imperative
usage, custom, habit, and practise

V

vain, useless, unproductive, and unavailing
vanities, envies, devices, and jealousies
vast, scattered, various, and incalculable
versatile, eloquent, sagacious, and talented
vigorous, upright, dignified, and imperative
vile, mean, debased, and sordid
violent, impetuous, intense, and ungovernable
virtuous, upright, honest, and moral
visionary, dreamy, pensive, and sensitive
vulgar, heavy, narrow, and obtuse

W

want, lack, poverty, and paucity
warm, soft, clear, and serene
waste, devastate, pillage, and destroy
watched, tendered, fostered, and pruned
weak, inefficient, stupid, and futile
wealth, position, influence, and reputation
well-being, happiness, prosperity, and distress
wild, restless, aimless, and erring
wisdom, judgment, understanding, and far-sightedness
wit, purity, energy, and simplicity
wonderful, interesting, active, and delightful
works, sorrows, visions, and experiences
worry, annoyance, awkwardness, and difficulty

SECTION V

PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

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Preposition "of"

A

abandon of spontaneity
abatment of misery
aberrations of judgment
abhorrence of meanness
absence of vainglory
abyss of ignominy
accent of conviction
accretions of time
accumulation of ages
accuracy of aim
acquisition of knowledge
activity of attention
acuteness of sensibility
admixture of fear
affectation of content
affinity of events
age of ignorance
agility of brain
agony of despair
air of assumption
ambitious of success
amiability of disposition
amplitude of space
anachronisms of thought

anchor of moderation
angle of vision
annulment of influence
aping of manners
apostle of culture
ardor of life
arrogance of opinion
aspect of grandeur
assumption of sternness
atmosphere of obscurity
attitude of mind
attribute of weakness
austerities of fanaticism
authority of manner
avalanche of scorn
avenues of dissemination

B

babel of tongues
ban of exclusion
barren of enthusiasm
barriers of reticence
bars of sunlight
basis of fact
beam of moonlight
beast of prey

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beauty of imagery
 beggared of faith
 bent of mind
 betrayal of trust
 bevy of maidens
 bewilderment of feeling
 birds of prey
 bit of portraiture
 bitterness of anguish
 blackness of spirit
 blandishments of society
 blast of adversity
 blaze of fury
 blend of dignity
 bliss of solitude
 bloom of earth
 blow of fate
 boldness of conception
 bond of alliance
 bone of contention
 bouts of civility
 breach of law
 breath of life
 breeze of anxiety
 brilliancy of wit
 brimful of fun
 broil of politics
 brood of emotions
 brow of expectation
 brunt of disgrace
 bulk of mankind
 bundle of conceptions
 buoyancy of youth

burden of proof
 burst of confidence
 business of life

C

cadences of delirium
 calmness of manner
 calumny of passion
 caprice of inclination
 careless of opinion
 catholicity of spirit
 cause of solicitude
 celerity of movement
 chain of evidence
 change of habitude
 chaos of confusion
 chill of indifference
 chimera of superstition
 chorus of approbation
 circle of hills
 clamor of envy
 clap of thunder
 clarity of thinking
 clash of arms
 cloak of ecclesiasticism
 code of morals
 cogency of argument
 combination of calamities
 command of wit
 community of interest
 compass of imagination
 complexity of life
 confidence of genius

conflict of will
conquest of difficulty
consciousness of peril
constellation of luminaries
contagion of conflict
continuity of life
contradiction of terms
contrariety of opinion
convulsion of laughter
copiousness of diction
cord of sympathy
countenance of authority
courage of conviction
course of existence
courtliness of manner
cover of hospitality
crash of thunder
creature of circumstance
criteria of feeling
crown of civilization
crudity of thought
cry of despair
curl of contempt
current of thought

D

darkness of calamity
dash of eccentricity
dawning of recognition
day of reckoning
daylight of faith
decay of authority
declaration of indifference

deeds of prowess
defects of temper
degree of hostility
delicacy of thought
delirium of wonder
depth of despair
dereliction of duty
derogation of character
despoiled of riches
destitute of power
desultoriness of detail
device of secrecy
devoid of merit
devoutness of faith
dexterity of phrase
diapason of motives
dictates of conscience
difference of opinion
difficult of attainment
dignity of thought
dilapidations of time
diminution of brutality
disabilities of age
display of prowess
distinctness of vision
distortion of symmetry
diversity of aspect
divinity of tradition
domain of imagination
drama of action
dream of vengeance
drop of comfort
ductility of expression

dull of comprehension
 duplicities of might
 dust of defeat

E

earnestness of enthusiasm
 easy of access
 ebullitions of anger
 eccentricity of judgment
 ecstasy of despair
 effect of loveliness
 efficacy of change
 effusion of sentiment
 elasticity of mind
 element of compulsion
 elevation of sentiment
 eloquence of passion
 emotions of joy
 emulous of truth
 encroachments of time
 encumbrance of mystery
 energy of youth
 enigma of life
 equanimity of mind
 era of fads
 error of judgment
 essence of eloquence
 excellence of vision
 excess of candor
 excitation of purpose
 excursiveness of thought
 exhibition of joy
 exhilaration of spirits

expenditure of energy
 explosion of rage
 expression of sternness
 extension of experience
 extravagance of eulogy
 extremity of fortune
 exuberance of wit

F

fabric of fact
 facility of expression
 faculty of perception
 failure of coordination
 feast of reason
 feats of strength
 feebleness of purpose
 feeling of uneasiness
 felicities of expression
 fertility of invention
 fervor of devotion
 fickleness of fortune
 field of activity
 fierceness of jealousy
 fineness of vision
 fire of imagination
 firmament of literature
 firmness of purpose
 fit of laughter
 fitness of circumstance
 fixity of purpose
 flag of truce
 flash of humor
 flashlight of introspection

fleetness of foot
flexibility of spirit
flicker of recognition
flight of fancy
flood of hatred
flourish of manner
flower of life
fluctuation of fortune
flush of youth
flutter of expectation
fog of sentimentalism
force of conviction
forest of faces
form of captiousness
fountain of learning
fragment of conversation
frame of mind
frankness of manner
freak of fancy
freedom of enterprise
frenzy of pursuit
freshness of feeling
frigidity of address
frivolity of tone
frown of meditation
fulfilment of purpose
fulness of time
fury of resentment
futility of pride

G

gaiety of spirit
gales of laughter

garb of thought
garlands of roses
gateway of fancy
gem of truth
genuineness of sentiment
gesture of despair
gift of repartee
glamor of sensationalism
glare of scrutiny
gleam of light
glib of speech
glimmer of suspicion
glory of salvation
glow of enthusiasm
gorgeousness of coloring
grace of simplicity
gradations of outrage
grandeur of outline
grasp of comprehension
gravity of manner
greatness of nature
greed of office
grimace of disappointment
grimness of spirit
grip of attention
groundwork of melancholy
growth of experience
guide of aspiration
gulf of incongruity
gust of laughter

H

harbor of refuge
harvest of regrets

haven of rest
 haze of distance
 heat of enthusiasm
 height of absurdity
 hint of bitterness
 hopeful of success
 horizon of life
 horror of solitude
 hubbub of talk
 hue of divinity
 hum of pleasure
 hush of suspense

I

ideals of excellence
 idol of society
 illusion of youth
 immensity of extent
 immolation of genius
 impatient of restraint
 impetuosity of youth
 implacability of resentment
 impotent of ideas
 impress of individuality
 impulse of enthusiasm
 imputation of eccentricity
 incapable of veracity
 independence of mind
 index of character
 indolence of temperament
 indulgence of vanity
 inequality of treatment
 infinity of height

infirmity of temper
 infusion of hatred
 inheritance of honor
 insensibility of danger
 insolence of office
 inspiration of genius
 instability of purpose
 instrument of expression
 integrity of mind
 intensity of faith
 interchange of ideas
 interval of leisure
 intoxication of vanity
 intrepidity of youth
 intuition of immortality
 invasion of thought
 irony of life

J

jangle of sounds
 jargon of philosophy
 jumble of facts
 justness of decision

K

keenness of intellect
 kernel of truth
 key of knowledge
 keynote of success
 king of finance
 kinship of humanity

L

lack of restraint
 languor of nature

lapse of time
laws of decorum
laxity of mind
legacy of thought
liberty of conscience
light of experience
limit of endurance
link of sequence
loftiness of spirit
look of dominance
loophole of escape
love of approbation
lust of conquest
lustihood of youth
luxuriance of expression

M

magnanimity of mind
majesty of despair
man of iron
mantle of verdure
martyrdom of ambition
marvel of competency
mask of flippancy
mass of mediocrity
master of phrasing
maze of words
measure of absurdity
minister of vengeance
minuteness of description
miracle of miracles
mists of criticism
modesty of reserve

moment of lassitude
monster of ingratitude
monstrosities of character
mood of tranquillity
muddle of motives
multitude of details
mummery of words
murmur of satisfaction
mutations of time
myriads of stars
mysteries of taste

N

narrowness of range
nebulæ of romance
nectar of enjoyment
neglect of duty
niceties of difference
nightingale of affection
nobility of purpose
note of triumph

O

obduracy of mind
object of contempt
obligation of loyalty
obliquity of vision
obscurity of twilight
ocean of eloquence
omission of fact
onrush of life
onsets of temptation
openness of mind

opulence of detail
 orgy of lying
 ornaments of eloquence
 outbreak of hostilities
 outburst of tears
 outflow of sympathy
 outposts of morality
 overflow of vitality

P

page of desolation
 pageant of life
 pang of regret
 parade of erudition
 passion of patriotism
 passivity of mind
 pattern of virtue
 peals of laughter
 pendulum of opinion
 pensiveness of feeling
 perils of fortune
 period of lassitude
 perturbation of mind
 perversity of chance
 pests of society
 petrification of egoism
 phantom of delight
 phase of belief
 physiognomy of nature
 piece of pedantry
 pinions of eloquence
 pinnacle of favor
 pit of oblivion

plainness of speech
 play of fancy
 plea of urgency
 plenitude of power
 point of view
 poise of mind
 policy of severity
 portent of danger
 power of imagination
 precipice of stupefaction
 precision of phrase
 prerogative of age
 presence of mind
 pressure of expediency
 presumption of doubt
 prey of fancy
 pride of life
 process of effacement
 profundity of thought
 profusion of argument
 progress of events
 promptings of reason
 propriety of action
 provocative of scorn
 puff of applause
 pulse of life
 purity of diction
 pursuit of knowledge
 puzzledom of life

Q

quagmire of distrust
 qualities of leadership

qualm of conscience
question of honor
quickness of apprehension
quivering of pain

R

radiance of morning
range of experience
rashness of intention
ravages of time
ray of hope
reaches of achievement
realities of life
realm of peace
rebound of fascination
rectitude of soul
redress of grievances
redundance of words
refinement of style
reins of life
relish of beauty
remorse of guilt
residue of truth
resoluteness of conviction
resource of expression
restraint of speech
revel of imagination
revulsion of feeling
richness of outline
riddle of existence
ridicule of ignorance
riot of words
ripeness of wisdom

roars of exultation
robe of humility
robustness of mind
root of individuality
round of platitudes
rush of agony
rust of neglect
ruts of conventionality

S

sadness of soul
sanguine of success
sanity of judgment
savoring of quackery
scantiness of resources
scarves of smoke
school of adversity
scrap of knowledge
scruple of conscience
searchlight of truth
semblance of composure
sensation of pity
sense of urgency
sentiment of disapprobation
sequence of events
serenity of mind
severity of style
shackles of civilization
shade of doubt
shadow of truth
shallowness of thought
shock of apprehension
shouts of approval

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shower of abuse
 shriek of wrath
 shuttle of life
 sigh of wind
 singleness of purpose
 slave of malice
 slough of ignorance
 slumber of death
 smile of raillery
 solace of adversity
 soul of generosity
 source of renown
 spark of perception
 species of despotism
 spell of emotion
 sphere of influence
 spice of caricature
 splendor of imagination
 spur of necessity
 start of uneasiness
 stateliness of movement
 sting of satire
 stolidity of sensation
 storehouse of facts
 storm of criticism
 stream of humanity
 stress of life
 string of episodes
 stroke of fate
 substratum of belief
 subtlety of intellect
 succession of events
 suggestion of fancy

sum of happiness
 summit of misery
 sunshine of life
 supremacy of good
 surface of events
 surfeit of verbiage
 surge of pathos
 suspense of judgment
 suspicion of flattery
 sweep of landscape
 symbol of admiration
 system of aspersion

T

taint of megalomania
 tardiness of speech
 task of conciliation
 tempest of passion
 tenacity of execution
 tenderness of sentiment
 term of reproach
 threshold of consciousness
 thrift of time
 thrill of delight
 throb of compunction
 throng of sensations
 tide of humanitarianism
 timid of innovation
 tincture of depreciation
 tinge of mockery
 tissue of misrepresentations
 tolerant of folly
 tone of severity

top of ambition
torrent of fervor
totality of effect
touch of severity
touchstone of genius
trace of bitterness
tradition of mankind
train of disasters
trait of cynicism
trance of delight
transport of enthusiasm
trappings of wisdom
trend of consciousness
tribute of admiration
trick of fancy
tumult of applause
turmoil of controversy
turn of events
twilight of elderliness
twinge of envy

U

unity of purpose
universality of experience

V

vagrancy of thought
valley of misfortune
vanguard of progress
vehemence of manner
vehicle of intercourse
veil of futurity
vein of snobbishness

velocity of movement
vestige of regard
vicissitudes of life
vision of splendor
vividness of memory
voice of ambition
void of authority
volume of trade
vow of allegiance

W

warmth of temperament
waste of opportunity
wave of depression
wealth of meaning
weariness of sorrow
web of villainy
weight of argument
whiff of irritation
whirl of delight
whirligig of life
whirlwind of words
wilderness of perplexities
wiles of innocence
word of opprobrium
work of supererogation
world of fantasy
worthy of mention

Y

yoke of convention

Z

zest of enjoyment
zone of delusion

Preposition "by"**A**

affected by externals
allayed by sympathy
animated by victory
appraised by fashion
assailed by conscience
attained by effort
avert by prayer

B

ballasted by brains
beset by difficulties
bound by opinion
branded by defeat

C

characterized by discretion
chastened by sorrow
cheek by jowl
circulated by malice
clogged by insincerity
colored by environment
condemned by posterity
confirmed by habit
consoled by prayer
convinced by argument
convulsed by divisions

D

darkened by shadows
dazzled by fame
depraved by pain
devoured by curiosity

disgusted by servility
driven by remorse

E

embarrassed by timidity
encouraged by success
enfeebled by age
enforced by action
enjoined by religion
enriched by gifts
established by convention
evoked by shame

F

fascinated by mystery
favored by fortune
fettered by systems
fired by wrath
forbid by authority
fortified by faith

G

governed by precedent
guided by instinct

H

haunted by visions
hushed by denial

I

impelled by duty
inculcated by practise
induced by misrepresentation
influenced by caution
inspired by love

L

learned by rote

M

marked by acuteness

measured by years

N

narrowed by custom

O

occasioned by irritation

oppressed by destiny

P

parched by disuse

persuaded by appeal

portray by words

prescribed by custom

prevented by chance

prompted by coquetry

purged by sorrow

R

racked by suffering

refuted by reason

repelled by censure

restrained by violence

rising by industry

S

sanctioned by experience

shaped by tradition

soured by misfortune

stung by derision

supplanted by others

supported by evidence

T

thwarted by fortune

tempered by charity

tormented by jealousy

tortured by doubt

U

unadorned by artifice

undaunted by failure

undetermined by sorrow

undone by treachery

unfettered by fear

urged by curiosity

V

vitalized by thought

W

won by aggression

worn by time

wrenched by emotions

Preposition "in"

A

absorbed in meditation

affable in manner

atone in measure

B

barren in intellect

basking in sunshine

buried in solitude

C

call in question

clothed in truth

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cloying in sweetness
confident in opinion
confute in argument
contemplative in aspect
cumbrous in style

D

deficient in insight
delight in learning
deterioration in quality
difference in detail
diligent in application
diminish in respect
dwarfed in numbers

E

end in smoke
enumerate in detail
experienced in duplicity

F

feeble in influence
fertile in consequence
flourish in luxuriance
founded in truth

G

gaze in astonishment
go in pursuit
graceful in proportion
grievously in error

H

hold in bondage

I

immersed in thought
indulge in reverie
inferior in character
influential in society
ingenuity in planning
instance in point
involved in obscurity

K

kept in abeyance

L

landmarks in memory
languish in obscurity
lie in wait
limited in scope
linger in expectation
listen in amazement
lost in awe
lower in estimation
luxuriant in fancy

M

monstrous in dulness
mysterious in origin

N

noble in amplitude
nursed in luxury

O

organized in thought

P

petulant in expression
plead in vain

pleasing in outline
 plunged in darkness
 positive in judgment
 practical in application
 pride in success
 protest in vain
 pursued in leisure

Q

quick in suggestion

R

ready in resource
 recoiling in terror
 remote in character
 revel in danger
 rich in variety
 rooted in prejudice

S

schooled in self-restraint
 scrupulous in conduct
 set in motion

skilled in controversy
 sound in theory
 stammer in confusion
 stricken in years
 strides in civilization
 striking in character
 stunted in growth

T

tender in sentiment

U

unique in literature
 unity in diversity
 unprecedented in kind

V

versed in knowledge

W

wallow in idolatry
 wanting in dignity
 waver in purpose
 weak in conception

Preposition "into"

A

abashed into silence

B

beguile into reading
 betray into speech
 blending into harmony
 bring into disrepute
 bullied into silence

C

burn into memory
 burst into view
 call into question
 carry into conflict
 chill into apathy
 coming into vogue
 cringe into favor

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crumbled into dust
crystallized into action

D

dash into fragments
deepen into confusion
degenerate into monotony
deluded into believing
descent into death
dissolve into nothingness
dragged into pursuit
drawn into controversy
dribbling into words
driven into servitude
dulled into acquiescence

E

electrify into activity
elevated into importance
enquire into precedents
enter into controversy
expand into weakness

F

fade into insignificance
fall into decay
fashion into festoons
flame into war
flower into sympathy
forced into action
frozen into form
fuse into unity

G

galvanize into life

go into raptures
goaded into action

H

hushed into silence

I

incursions into controversy
insight into truth
inveigled into dispute

K

kindle into action

L

lapse into pedantry
lash into silence
launch into disapproval
lead into captivity
leap into currency
lulled into indifference

M

melt into space
merge into character

P

pass into oblivion
plunge into despair
pour into print

Q

quicken into life

R

relapse into savagery
rendered into music

resolve into nothingness
 retreat into silence
 ripened into love
 rush into print

S

shocked into attention
 sink into insignificance
 smitten into ice
 snubbed into quiescence
 stricken into silence
 summoned into being
 swollen into torrents

take into account
 thrown into disorder
 transform into beauty
 translated into fact

U

usher into society

V

vanish into mystery

W

wander into digression
 wheedled into acquiescence
 withdraw into solitude

Preposition "to"

A

addicted to flattery
 adherence to principle
 affect to believe
 akin to truth
 alive to opportunity
 allied to virtue
 amenable to reason
 aspire to rule
 attempt to suppress
 aversion to publicity

B

blind to demonstration
 brought to repentance

C

claim to perpetuity
 come to nothing

committed to righteousness
 common to humanity
 conducive to happiness
 conformable to fact
 consigned to oblivion
 constrained to speak
 contribution to knowledge

D

deaf to entreaty
 dedicated to friendship
 deference to custom
 devoted to ideals
 disposed to cavil
 doomed to destruction
 driven to despair
 dwarf to unimportance

E

empowered to act

endeared to all
excite to pity
exposed to derision

F

fly to platitudes
foredoomed to failure

G

given to extravagance
ground to atoms

H

harassed to death
hostile to progress

I

impervious to suggestion
impossible to reconcile
impotent to save
incentive to devotion
incitement to anger
inclined to vascillate
indifference to truth
intent to deceive
intolerable to society
inured to fatigue
invocation to sleep

L

laugh to scorn
left to conjecture
lost to remembrance

O

obedience to conscience
oblivious to criticism
offensive to modesty
open to reason
opposed to innovation

P

pander to prejudice
pertaining to fashion
prone to melancholy
propose to undertake
provoke to laughter
put to confusion

R

recourse to falsehood
reduced to impotence
related to eternity
repeat to satiety
repugnant to justice
requisite to success
resort to violence
run to seed

S

seek to overawe
serve to embitter
spur to action
stimulus to ambition
stirred to remonstrance
subject to scrutiny
succumb to fascination
superior to circumstances
susceptible to argument

T
temptation to doubt
tend to frustrate
trust to chance

U
utilize to advantage

V
venture to say
vital to success
W
wedded to antiquity
Y
yield to reason

Preposition "with"

A
abounding with plenty
accord with nature
act with deliberation
adorn with beauty
afflict with ugliness
afame with life
allied with economy
anticipate with delight
ascertain with exactness
attended with danger

B
beam with self-approval
behave with servility
big with fate
blinded with tears
blush with shame
branded with cowardice
bubbling with laughter
burn with indignation

C
cling with tenacity
clothe with authority

compatible with freedom
comply with tradition
conceal with difficulty
consistent with facts
covered with ignominy
crush with sorrow

D
deny with emphasis
depressed with fear
dispense with formality
distort with passion

E
echo with merriment
endow with intelligence
endued with faith
endure with fortitude
examine with curiosity

F
face with indifference
flushed with pride
fraught with peril
furious with indignation

G
glowing with delight

I
imbued with courage
incompatible with reason
inconsistent with beauty
inflamed with rage
inspired with patriotism
intoxicated with joy

K
kindle with enthusiasm

L
laugh with glee

M
meet with rebuke
mingled with curiosity
move with alacrity

O
oppressed with hardship
overcome with shyness
overflowing with love
overhung with gloom

P
performed with regularity
pervaded with grandeur
proceed with alertness
punish with severity

Q
quicken with pride
quiver with anxiety

R
radiant with victory

regard with loathing
relate with zest
repel with indignation

S
saddle with responsibility
scream with terror
scrutinize with care
seething with sedition
sick with dread
sob with anguish
squirm with delight
suffuse with spirituality

T
tainted with fraud
teeming with life
tense with expectancy
thrill with excitement
throb with vitality
tinged with romance
touched with feeling
treat with contempt
tremble with fear

U
unmixed with emotion
utter with sarcasm

V
vibrant with feeling
view with awe

W
wield with power
work with zeal

SECTION VI

BUSINESS PHRASES

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A

- A request for further particulars will not involve any obligation
- A telegram is enclosed for your use, as this matter is urgent
- Accept our thanks for your recent remittance
- Acknowledging the receipt of your recent inquiry
- After examination we can confidently say
- After very carefully considering
- Again thanking you for the inquiry
- Agreeable to our conversation
- An addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience
- An early reply will greatly oblige
- Answering your recent inquiry
- Any information you may give us will be appreciated
- Any time that may suit your convenience
- As a matter of convenience and economy
- As a special favor we ask
- As directed in your letter, we are shipping to you
- As explained in our previous letter
- As it will give us an opportunity to demonstrate our ability
- As stated in our previous letter
- As we have received no response from you
- As you, doubtless, are aware
- As you probably have been told
- As your experience has probably shown you

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Assuring you of every courtesy

Assuring you of our entire willingness to comply with your request

Assuring you of prompt and careful cooperation

At the present writing

At the suggestion of one of our patrons

At your earliest opportunity

Awaiting the favor of your prompt attention

Awaiting the pleasure of serving you

Awaiting your early communication

Awaiting your further commands

Awaiting your pleasure

B

Believing you will answer this promptly

C

Complying with your request

Conditions make it obligatory for us

D

Do not hesitate to let us know

Do not overlook this opportunity

Do you realize that you can

E

Enclosed please find a memorandum

Enclosed we beg to hand you

Enclosed you will find a circular which will fully explain

F

For some years past

For your convenience we enclose a stamped envelope

For your further information we take pleasure in sending to you

Frankly, we believe it is extremely worth while for you
From the standpoint of serviceability

H

Here is a complete answer to
Here is your opportunity
Hoping for a continuance of your interest
Hoping for a definite reply
Hoping that our relations may prove mutually satisfactory
Hoping to be favored with your order
How may we serve you further?
However, because of the special circumstances attached

I

I am compelled to inform you
I am confident that you will be thoroughly satisfied
I am directed to say to you
I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully
I am giving the matter my personal attention
I am, my dear sir, yours faithfully
I am still holding this offer open to you
I ask that you be good enough
I beg to request that you give me some information
I believe I understand perfectly just how you feel about
I have been favorably impressed by your
I have now much pleasure in confirming
I have pleasure in acknowledging
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
I have the honor to remain
I herewith submit my application
I highly appreciate this mark of confidence
I look forward to pleasant personal relations in the future
I regret exceedingly to inform you
I remain, my dear sir, yours faithfully

- I shall be pleased to forward descriptive circulars
- I shall esteem it a personal favor
- I should welcome an interview at your convenience
- I sincerely hope that you will give the subject your earnest consideration
- I take pleasure in replying to your inquiry concerning
- I trust I shall hear from you soon
- I want to express the hope that our pleasant business relations will continue
- I want to interest you
- I want to thank you for your reply
- I wish to confirm my letter
- If I can be of further service, please address me
- If it is not convenient for you
- If there is any valid reason why you are unable
- If we can be of service to you
- If we can help you in any way
- If we have not made everything perfectly clear, please let us know
- If you accommodate us, the favor will be greatly appreciated
- If you are interested, please let us hear from you
- If you are thinking about ordering
- If you desire, our representative will call
- If you have any cause for dissatisfaction
- If you give this matter your prompt attention
- In accordance with the terms of our offer
- In accordance with your request
- In answering your inquiry regarding
- In any event, a reply to this will be very much appreciated
- In closing we can only assure you
- In compliance with your favor

In compliance with your request, we are pleased to send to you

In conclusion, we can assure you

In order to facilitate our future transactions

In reference to your application

In regard to your proposition

In reply thereto, we wish to inform you

In reply to your valued favor

In response to your recent request

In spite of our best efforts it is not probable

In thanking you for the patronage with which you have favored us

In view of all these facts, we feel justified in claiming

Information has just reached me

It gives us pleasure to recommend

It has consistently been our aim to help our customers

It is a matter of great regret to us

It is a pleasure for me to answer your inquiry

It is a well known fact

It is interesting to note

It is our very great pleasure to advise you

It is the policy of our house

It seems clear that our letter must have miscarried

It was purely an oversight on our part

It will be entirely satisfactory to us

It will be our aim to interest you

It will be readily appreciated

It will be to your advantage

It will doubtless be more convenient for you

It will interest you to know

It will receive the same careful attention

J

Just mail the enclosed card

K

Kindly endorse your reply on the enclosed sheet
Kindly let us have your confirmation at your earliest convenience
Kindly let us know your pleasure concerning
Kindly read the enclosed list

L

Let me thank you for the opportunity to give this matter my personal attention
Let us assure you of our desire to cooperate with you
Let us assure you that we are very much pleased
Let us know if there is any further attention
Let us thank you again for opening an account with us
Looking forward to the early receipt of some of your orders

M

May I ask you to do us a great favor by
May we be favored with a reply
Meantime soliciting your forbearance
Meanwhile permit me to thank you for your kind attention

O

On referring to your account we notice
Our letter must have gone astray
Our relations with your house must have hitherto been very pleasant
Our services are at your command
Our stock has been temporarily exhausted
Owing to our inability to collect out-standing debts

P

Permit me to add
Permit us to express our sincere appreciation

Please accept the thanks of the writer
Please consider this letter an acknowledgment
Please favor us with a personal communication
Please feel assured that we shall use every endeavor
Possibly the enclosure may suggest to you
Promptly on receipt of your telegram
Pursuant to your letter

R

Recently we had occasion
Referring to your esteemed favor
Regretting our inability to serve you in the present instance
Reluctant as we are to believe
Requesting your kind attention to this matter

S

Should you decide to act upon this latter suggestion
So many requests of a similar nature come to us
Soliciting a continuance of your patronage

T

Thank you for your expression of confidence
Thanking you for your inquiry
Thanking you for your past patronage
Thanking you for your promptness
Thanking you in advance for an early reply
Thanking you in anticipation
The causes for the delay were beyond our control
The margin of profit which we allow ourselves
The proof is in this fact
The proposition appeals to us as a good one
Therefore we are able to make you this offer
Therefore we trust you will write to us promptly
These points should be most carefully considered

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This arrangement will help us over the present difficulty

This is according to our discussion

This matter has been considered very seriously

This personal guarantee I look upon as a service to you

This privileged communication is for the exclusive use

This will amply repay you

Trusting that we may have the pleasure of serving you

Trusting to receive your best consideration

U

Under no circumstances can we entertain such an arrangement

Under separate cover we are mailing to you

Under these circumstances we are willing to extend the terms

Unfortunately we are compelled at certain times

Unless you can give us reasonable assurance

Upon being advised that these terms are satisfactory

Upon receiving your letter of

W

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of your order

We admit that you are justified in your complaint

We again solicit an opportunity

We again thank you for your inquiry

We always endeavor to please

We appreciate the order you were kind enough to send to us

We appreciate your patronage very much

We are always glad to furnish information

We are anxious to make satisfactory adjustment

We are at a loss to understand why

We are at your service at all times

We are confident that you will have no further trouble

We are extremely desirous of pleasing our patrons

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- We are in a position to give you considerable help
We are in receipt of your communication regarding
We are indeed sorry to learn
We are perfectly willing to make concessions
We are pleased to receive your request for information
We are pleased to send you descriptive circulars
We are reluctant to adopt such severe measures
We are satisfied regarding your statement
We are sending to you by mail
We are sorry to learn from your letter
We are thoroughly convinced of the need
We are totally at a loss to understand
We are very anxious to have you try
We are very glad to testify to the merit of
We ask for a continuance of your confidence
We ask that you kindly let us hear from you
We assume that you are considering
We assure you of our confidence in the reliability
We assure you of our desire to be of service
We await an early, and we trust, a favorable reply
We await the courtesy of an early answer
We beg a moment of your attention and serious consideration
We believe that if you will carefully consider the matter
We believe you will readily understand our position
We can assure you that any order with which you favor us
We desire information pertaining to your financial condition
We desire to effect a settlement
We desire to express our appreciation of your patronage
We desire to impress upon you
We expect to be in the market soon
We feel assured that you will appreciate

We feel sure that you will approve of our action in this matter

We frankly apologize to you

We hasten to acknowledge the receipt

We have anticipated a heavy demand

We have, as yet, no definite understanding

We have come to the conclusion

We have endeavored to serve the needs of your organization

We have found it impossible

We have much pleasure in answering your inquiry

We have no desire to adopt harsh measures

We have not had the pleasure of placing your name on our ledgers

We have not, however, had the pleasure of hearing from you

We have not yet had time to sift the matter thoroughly

We have the honor to be, gentlemen

We have the honor to inform you

We have thought it best to forward

We have your request for information regarding

We hesitated for a while to pursue the matter

We hope that an understanding can be reached

We hope that we shall have many opportunities to demonstrate our ability

We hope that you will find the enclosed booklet very interesting

We hope to hear favorably from you

We hope you will appreciate

We hope you will excuse the unavoidable delay

We invite your attention to

We must insist upon a prompt settlement

We must, therefore, insist on the terms of the agreement

We note that the time is at hand
We offer you the services of an expert
We particularly want to interest you
We realize that this matter has escaped your attention
We realize that this is simply an oversight on your part
We regret exceedingly that you have been inconvenienced
We regret our inability to meet your wishes
We regret that owing to the press of business
We regret that this misunderstanding has occurred
We regret that we are not in a position
We regret that we are unable to grant your request
We regret the necessity of calling your attention
We regret to be compelled for this reason to withdraw the
privilege
We regret to learn that you are disappointed
We remain, dear sir, yours faithfully
We remain, gentlemen, with thanks
We shall await your early commands with interest
We shall await your reply with interest
We shall be glad to fill your order
We shall be glad to have you tell us frankly
We shall be glad to render you any assistance in our power
We shall be happy to meet your requirements
We shall be indebted to you for your courtesy
We shall be pleased to receive the remittance
We shall be pleased to take the matter up further
We shall do everything in our power
We shall do our best to correct the mistake
We shall feel compelled
We shall heartily appreciate any information
We shall use every endeavor
We suggest that this is an opportune time
We suggest that you consider

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We take pleasure in enclosing herewith

We take pleasure in explaining the matter you asked about

We take the liberty of deviating from your instructions

We take the liberty of writing to you.

We thank you for calling our attention

We thank you for your courteous letter

We thank you for your kind inquiry of recent date

We thank you very gratefully for your polite and friendly letter

We thank you very much for the frank statement of your affairs

We thank you very sincerely for your assistance

We think you will agree

We trust our explanation will meet with your approval

We trust that we may hear favorably from you

We trust that you will give this matter your immediate attention

We trust you may secure some of the exceptional values

We trust you will find it correct

We trust you will not consider us unduly strict

We trust you will promptly comply with our previous suggestions

We understand your position

We urge that you write to us by early mail

We venture to enclose herewith

We very much wish you to examine

We want every opportunity to demonstrate our willingness

We want particularly to impress upon you this fact

We want to please you in every respect

We want to remind you again

We want you to read the booklet carefully

We will at once enter your order

We will be compelled to take the necessary steps

We will be glad to lay before you the fullest details
We will be pleased to give it careful consideration
We will gladly accommodate you
We will gladly extend to you similar courtesies whenever
 we can do so
We will make it a point to give your correspondence close
 attention
We would appreciate a remittance
We would consider it a great favor
We would draw your attention to the fact
We would request, as a special favor
We write to suggest to you
We write to urge upon you the necessity
We wrote to you at length
While we appreciate the peculiar circumstances
While we feel that we are in no way responsible
Why not allow us this opportunity to satisfy you
Will you give us, in confidence, your opinion
Will you give us the benefit of your experience
Will you kindly advise us in order that we may adjust our
 records
Will you please give us your immediate attention
With our best respects and hoping to hear from you
With reference to your favor of yesterday
With regard to your inquiry
With the fullest assurance that we are considering
With the greatest esteem and respect

Y

You are certainly justified in complaining
You are evidently aware that there is a growing demand
You are quite right in your statement
You cannot regret more than I the necessity

You undoubtedly are aware

You will find interest, we believe, in this advance announcement

You will get the benefit of this liberal offer

You will have particular interest in the new and attractive policy

Your early attention to this matter will oblige

Your further orders will be esteemed

Your inquiry has just been received, and we are glad to send to you

Your orders and commands will always have our prompt and best attention

Your satisfaction will dictate our course

Your trial order is respectfully solicited

Your usual attention will oblige

SECTION VII

LITERARY EXPRESSIONS

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A

- A bitterness crept into her face
- A blazing blue sky poured down torrents of light
- A book to beguile the tedious hours
- A brave but turbulent aristocracy
- A broad, complacent, admiring imbecility breathed from
his nose and lips
- A burlesque feint of evading a blow
- A callous and conscienceless brute
- A calm and premeditated prudence
- A calmness settled on his spirit
- A campaign of unbridled ferocity
- A carefully appraising eye
- A ceaselessly fleeting sky
- A certain implication of admiring confidence
- A charming air of vigor and vitality
- A childish belief in his own impeccability
- A cold, hard, frosty penuriousness was his prevalent char-
acteristic
- A compassion perfectly angelic
- A constant stream of rhythmic memories
- A covertly triumphant voice
- A creature of the most delicate and rapid responses
- A crop of disappointments
- A cunning intellect patiently diverting every circumstance
to its design
- A curious and inexplicable uneasiness

- A curious vexation fretted her
- A daily avalanche of vituperation
- A dandified, pretty-boy-looking sort of figure
- A dark and relentless fate
- A day monotonous and colorless
- A dazzling completeness of beauty
- A deep and brooding resentment
- A delicious throng of sensations
- A deliciously tantalizing sense
- A detached segment of life
- A dire monotony of bookish idiom
- A disheveled and distraught figure
- A face singularly acute and intelligent
- A faint accent of reproach
- A faint sense of compunction moved her
- A faint, transient, wistful smile lightened her brooding face
- A faint tremor of amusement was on his lips
- A faintly quizzical look came into his incisive stare
- A fawn-colored sea streaked here and there with tints of deepest orange
- A fever of enthusiasm
- A few tears came to soften her seared vision
- A fiery exclamation of wrath and disdain
- A figure full of decision and dignity
- A firm and balanced manhood
- A first faint trace of irritation
- A fitful boy full of dreams and hopes
- A flame of scarlet crept in a swift diagonal across his cheeks
- A fleeting and furtive air of triumph
- A flood of pride rose in him
- A foreboding of some destined change

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- A fortuitous series of happy thoughts
A frigid touch of the hand
A fugitive intangible charm
A gay exuberance of ambition
A generation of men lavishly endowed with **genius**
A gentle sarcasm ruffled her anger
A ghastly whiteness overspread the cheek
A glance of extraordinary meaning
A glassy expression of inattention
A glassy stare of deprecating horror
A glittering infectious smile
A gloom overcame him
A golden haze of pensive light
A golden summer of marvelous fertility
A graceful readiness and vigor
A grave man of pretending exterior
A great pang gripped her heart
A great process of searching and shifting
A great sickness of heart smote him
A great soul smitten and scourged, but still invested with
the dignity of immortality
A grim and shuddering fascination
A gush of entrancing melody
A gusty breeze blew her hair about unheeded
A half-breathless murmur of amazement and incredulity
A half-uneasy, half-laughing compunction
A harassing anxiety of sorrow
A harvest of barren regrets
A haunting and horrible sense of insecurity
A heavy oppression seemed to brood upon the air
A helpless anger simmered in him
A hint of death in the icy breath of the gale
A hot and virulent skirmish

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A hot uprush of hatred and loathing
A kind of ineffable splendor crowns the day
A lapse from the well-ordered decencies of civilization
A large, rich, copious human endowment
A late star lingered, remotely burning
A laugh of jovial significance
A light of unwonted pleasure in her eyes
A little jaded by gastronomical exertions
A lukewarm and selfish love
A man of imperious will
A man of matchless modesty and refinement
A manner bright with interest and interrogation
A manner nervously anxious to please
A melancholy monotone beat on one's heart
A mere exhibition of fussy diffuseness
A mere figment of a poet's fancy
A mien and aspect singularly majestic
A mild and deprecating air
A mind singularly practical and sagacious
A mouth of inflexible decision
A murmur of complacency
A mystery everlastingly impenetrable
A nameless sadness which is always born of moonlight
A new and overmastering impulse
A new doubt assailed her
A new marvel of the sky
A new trouble was dawning on his thickening mental horizon
A nimble-witted opponent
A painful thought was flooding his mind
A pang of jealousy not unmingled with scorn
A patience worthy of admiration
A perfect carnival of fun

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- A perfect crime of clumsiness
 - A piteous aspect of woe
 - A portent full of possible danger
 - A potion to be delicately supped at leisure
 - A powerful agitation oppressed him
 - A prevailing sentiment of uneasy discontent
 - A prey to listless uneasiness
 - A profound and absorbing interest
 - A profound and eager hopefulness
 - A profound and rather irritating egotist by nature
 - A prop for my faint heart
 - A propitious sky, marbled with pearly white
 - A protest wavered on her lip
 - A puissant and brilliant family
 - A queer, uncomfortable perplexity began to invade her
 - A quick flame leaped in his eyes
 - A quick shiver ruffled the brooding stillness of the water
 - A quiver of resistance ran through her
 - A remarkable fusion of morality and art
 - A random gleam of light
 - A rare and dazzling order of beauty
 - A rhythmical torrent of eloquent prophecy
 - A river of shame swept over him
 - A sad inquiry seemed to dwell in her gaze
 - A satisfied sense of completeness
 - A secret sweeter than the sea or sky can whisper
 - A sensation of golden sweetness and delight
 - A sense of desolation and disillusionment overwhelmed me
 - A sense of infinite peace brooded over the place
 - A sense of meditative content
 - A sense of repression was upon her

- A sentiment of distrust in its worth had crept into her thoughts
- A sheaf of letters
- A shimmer of golden sun shaking through the trees
- A shiver of apprehension crisped her skin
- A shuffling compromise between defiance and prostration
- A sigh of large contentment
- A sight for the angels to weep over
- A skepticism which prompted rebellion
- A slight movement of incredulous dissent
- A smile full of subtle charm
- A smile of exquisite urbanity
- A soft insidious plea
- A soft intonation of profound sorrow
- A soft suspicion of ulterior motives
- A solemn glee possessed my mind
- A solemn gray expanse that lost itself far away in the gray of the sea
- A solemn utterance of destiny
- A somber and breathless calm hung over the deepening eve
- A somewhat melancholy indolence
- A somewhat sharp and incisive voice
- A sonorous voice bade me enter
- A soothing and quieting touch was gently laid upon her soul
- A sort of eager, almost appealing amiability
- A sort of stolid despairing acquiescence
- A sort of stunned incredulity
- A soundless breeze that was little more than a whisper
- A spacious sense of the amplitude of life's possibilities
- A staccato cough interrupted the flow of speech
- A state of sullen self-absorption
- A steady babble of talk and laughter

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- A step was at her heels
A stifling sensation of pain and suspense
A stinging wind swept the woods
A strange compound of contradictory elements
A stream of easy talk
A strong convulsion shook the vague indefinite **form**
A strong susceptibility to the ridiculous
A subtle emphasis of scorn
A sudden and stinging delight
A sudden gleam of insight
A sudden uncontrollable outburst of feeling
A super-abundance of boisterous animal **spirits**
A supercilious scorn and pity
A super-refinement of taste
A swaggering air of braggadocio
A sweet bewilderment of tremulous **apprehension**
A sweet, quiet, sacred, stately seclusion
A swift knowledge came to her
A swift unformulated fear
A swiftly unrolling panorama of dreams
A tangle of ugly words
A thousand evanescent memories of happy days
A thousand unutterable fears bore irresistible **despotism**
 over her thoughts
A time of disillusion followed
A tiny stream meandering amiably
A tone of arduous admiration
A torn and tumultuous sky
A total impression ineffable and indescribable
A tragic futility
A treacherous throb of her voice
A true similitude of what befalls many men and **women**
A tumult of vehement feeling

A tumultuous rush of sensations
A twinge of embarrassment
A vague and wistful melancholy
A vast sweet silence crept through the trees
A veritable spring-cleaning of the soul
A very practised and somewhat fastidious critic
A violent and mendacious tongue
A vivid and arresting presentation
A waking dream overshadowed her
A weird world of morbid horrors
A well-bred mixture of boldness and courtesy
A wild vivacity was in her face and manner
A wile of the devil's
A wind strayed through the gardens
A withering sensation of ineffable boredom
A wordless farewell
Absolutely vulgarized by too perpetual a parroting
Absorbed in a stream of thoughts and reminiscences
Absorbed in the scent and murmur of the night
Accidents which perpetually deflect our vagrant attention
Across the gulf of years
Administering a little deft though veiled castigation
Affected an ironic incredulity
Affecting a tone of gayety
After a first moment of reluctance
After an eternity of resolutions, doubts, and indecisions
Aghast at his own helplessness
Agitated and enthralled by day-dreams
Agitated with violent and contending emotions
Alien paths and irrelevant junketings
All embrowned and mossed with age
All her gift of serene immobility brought into play
All hope of discreet reticence was ripped to shreds

All the lesser lights paled into insignificance
All the magic of youth and joy of life was there
All the place is peopled with sweet airs
All the sky was mother-of-pearl and tender
All the unknown of the night and of the universe was pressing upon him
All the world was flooded with a soft golden light
All was a vague jumble of chaotic impressions
All was incomprehensible
All was instinctive and spontaneous
Aloof from the motley throng
Ambition shivered into fragments
Amid distress and humiliation
Amid the direful calamities of the time
An acute note of distress in her voice
An agreeably grave vacuity
An air half quizzical and half deferential
An air of affected civility
An air of being meticulously explicit
An air of inimitable, scrutinizing, superb impertinence
An air of stern, deep, and irredeemable gloom hung over and pervaded all
An air of uncanny familiarity
An air which was distinctly critical
An almost pathetic appearance of ephemeral fragility
An almost riotous prodigality of energy
An answering glow of gratitude
An antagonist worth her steel
An artful stroke of policy
An assumption of hostile intent
An assurance of good-nature that forestalled hostility
An atmosphere of extraordinary languor
An atmosphere thick with flattery and toadyism

- An attack of peculiar virulence and malevolence
- An audacious challenge of ridicule
- An avidity that bespoke at once the restlessness and the genius of her mind
- An awe crept over me
- An eager and thirsty ear
- An easy prey to the powers of folly
- An effusive air of welcome
- An equal degree of well-bred worldly cynicism
- An erect, martial, majestic, and imposing personage
- An eternity of silence oppressed him
- An expression of mildly humorous surprise
- An expression of rare and inexplicable personal energy
- An exquisite perception of things beautiful and rare
- An iciness, a sinking, a sickening of the heart
- An ignoring eye
- An impenetrable screen of foliage
- An impersonal and slightly ironic interest
- An impervious beckoning motion
- An inarticulate echo of his longing
- An increased gentleness of aspect
- An incursion of the loud, the vulgar and meretricious
- An inexplicable and uselessly cruel caprice of fate
- An inexpressible fervor of serenity
- An ingratiating, awkward and wistful grace
- An inspired ray was in his eyes
- An instant she stared unbelievably
- An intense and insatiable hunger for light and truth
- An intense travail of mind
- An obscure thrill of alarm
- An odd little air of penitent self-depreciation
- An open wit and recklessness of bearing
- An oppressive sense of strange sweet odor

An optimistic after-dinner mood
An overburdening sense of the inexpressible
An uncomfortable premonition of fear
An unfailing sweetness and unerring perception
An unpleasant and heavy sensation sat at his heart
An unredeemed dreariness of thought
An unsuspected moral obtuseness
An utter depression of soul
And day peers forth with her blank eyes
And what is all this pother about?
Animated by noble pride
Anticipation painted the world in rose
Appalled in speechless disgust
Appealing to the urgent temper of youth
Apprehensive solicitude about the future
Ardent words of admiration
Armed all over with subtle antagonisms
Artless and unquestioning devotion
As if smitten by a sudden spasm
As the long train sweeps away into the golden distance
August and imperial names in the kingdom of thought
Awaiting his summons to the eternal silence

B

Bandied about from mouth to mouth
Barricade the road to truth
Bartering the higher aspirations of life
Beaming with pleasurable anticipation
Before was the open malignant sea
Beguiled the weary soul of man
Beneath the cold glare of the desolate night
Bent on the lofty ends of her destiny
Beset by agreeable hallucinations

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Beset with smiling hills
Beside himself in an ecstasy of pleasure
Betokening an impulsive character
Beyond the farthest edge of night
Birds were fluting in the tulip-trees
Biting sentences flew about
Black inky night
Blithe with the bliss of the morning
Blown about by every wind of doctrine
Bookish precision and professional peculiarity
Borne from lip to lip
Borne onward by slow-footed time
Borne with a faculty of willing compromise
Bowed with a certain frigid and deferential surprise
Broke in a stupendous roar upon the shuddering air
Browsing at will on all the uplands of knowledge and
thought
Buffeted by all the winds of passion
Buried hopes rose from their sepulchers
Buried in the quicksands of ignorance
But none the less peremptorily
By a curious irony of fate
By a happy turn of thinking
By virtue of his impassioned curiosity

C

Carried the holiday in his eye
Chafed at the restraints imposed on him
Cheeks furrowed by strong purpose and feeling
Childlike contour of the body
Cleansed of prejudice and self-interest
Cloaked in prim pretense
Clothed with the witchery of fiction

Clutch at the very heart of the usurping mediocrity
Cold gaze of curiosity
Collapse into a dreary and hysterical depression
Comment of rare and delightful flavor
Conjuring up scenes of incredible beauty and terror
Conscious of unchallenged supremacy
Constant indulgence of wily stratagem and ambitious craft
Contemptuously indifferent to the tyranny of public opinion
Covered with vegetation in wild luxuriance
Crisp sparkle of the sea
Crystallize about a common nucleus
Cultivated with a commensurate zeal
Current play of light gossip
Curtains of opaque rain

D

Dallying in maudlin regret over the past
Dark with unutterable sorrows
Darkness oozed out from between the trees
Dawn had broken
Day stood distinct in the sky
Days of vague and fantastic melancholy
Days that are brief and shadowed
Deep shame and rankling remorse
Deficient in affectionate or tender impulses
Delicately emerging stars
Delicious throng of sensations
Despite her pretty insolence
Dignity and sweet patience were in her look
Dim opalescence of the moon
Dimly foreshadowed on the horizon
Dimmed by the cold touch of unjust suspicion
Disfigured by passages of solemn and pompous monotony

Disguised itself as chill critical impartiality
 Dismal march of death
 Distinguished by hereditary rank or social position
 Distract and beguile the soul
 Distressing in their fatuous ugliness
 Diverted into alien channels
 Diverting her eyes, she pondered
 Dogs the footsteps
 Doled out in miserly measure
 Doubt tortured him
 Doubts beset her lonely and daring soul
 Down the steep of disenchantment
 Dreams and visions were surpassed
 Dreams that fade and die in the dim west
 Drear twilight of realities
 Drift along the stream of fancy
 Drowned in the deep reticence of the sea
 Drowsiness coiled insidiously about him
 Dull black eyes under their precipice of brows

E

Earth danced under a heat haze
 Easily moved to gaiety and pleasure
 Either way her fate was cruel
 Embrace with ardor the prospect of serene leisure
 Endearing sweetness and manner
 Endeavoring to smile away his chagrin
 Endlessly shifting moods
 Endowed with all those faculties that can make the world
 a garden of enchantment
 Endowed with life and emphasis
 Enduring with smiling composure the near presence of peo-
 ple who are distasteful

Enjoyed with astonishing unscrupulousness
Enticed irresistibly by the freedom of an open horizon
Essay a flight of folly
Evanescent shades of feeling
Events took an unexpected sinister turn
Every curve of her features seemed to express a fine arrogant acrimony and harsh truculence
Everywhere the fragrance of a bountiful earth
Exasperated by what seemed a wilful pretense of ignorance
Exhibits itself in fastidious crotchets
Expectation darkened into anxiety
Experience and instinct warred within her
Exquisite graciousness of manner
Exquisitely stung by the thought

F

Familiar and endearing intimacy
Fatally and indissolubly united
Fathomless depths of suffering
Fear held him in a vice
Feeding his scholarly curiosity
Feeling humiliated by the avowal
Felicitousness in the choice and exquisiteness in the collocation of words
Fettered by poverty and toil
Feverish tide of life
Fine precision of intent
Fitful tumults of noble passion
Fleeting touches of something alien and intrusive
Floating in the clouds of reverie
Fluctuations of prosperity and adversity
Flushed with a suffusion that crimsoned her whole countenance

Forebodings possessed her
 Foreshadowing summer's end
 Forever echo in the heart
 Forever sings itself in memory
 Formless verbosity and a passionate rhetoric
 Fragments of most touching melody
 Free from rigid or traditional fetters
 Freedom and integrity of soul
 Freightened with strange, vague longings
 Frosty thralldom of winter
 Fugitive felicities of thought and sensation
 Full of dreams and refinements and intense abstractions
 Full of majestic tenderness

G

Gathering all her scattered impulses into a passionate act
 of courage
 Gaze dimly through a maze of traditions
 Generosity pushed to prudence
 Gleams of sunlight, bewildered like ourselves, struggled,
 surprised, through the mist and disappeared
 Glowing with haste and happiness
 Go straight, as if by magic, to the inner meaning
 Goaded on by his sense of strange importance
 Graceful length of limb and fall of shoulders
 Great shuddering seized on her
 Green hills pile themselves upon each other's shoulders
 Grim and sullen after the flush of the morning
 Guilty of girlish sentimentality

H

Half choked by a rising paroxysm of rage
 Half-suffocated by his triumph

Hardened into convictions and resolves
Haughtiness and arrogance were largely attributed to him
Haunt the recesses of the memory
Haunted with a chill and unearthly foreboding
He accosted me with trepidation
He adroitly shifted his ground
He airily lampooned their most cherished prejudices
He bowed submission
He braced himself to the exquisite burden of life
He condescended to intimate speech with her
He conversed with a colorless fluency
He could detect the hollow ring of fundamental nothing-
ness
He could do absolutely naught
He drank of the spirit of the universe
He drew near to a desperate resolve
He evinced his displeasure by a contemptuous sneer or a
grim scowl
He felt an unaccountable loathing
He felt the ironic rebound of her words
He flung diffidence to the winds
He flushed crimson
He found the silence intolerably irksome
He frowned perplexedly
He gave her a baffled stare
He gave himself to a sudden day-dream
He gave his ear to this demon of false glory
He grew wanton with success
He had acted with chivalrous delicacy of honor
He had the eye of an eagle in his trade
He had the gift of deep, dark silences
He held his breath in admiring silence
He laughed away my protestations

He lent no countenance to the insensate prattle
He listened greedily and gazed intent
He made a loathsome object
He made the politest of monosyllabic replies
He murmured a civil rejoinder
He murmured a vague acceptance
He mused a little while in grave thought
He never wears an argument to tatters
He only smiled with fatuous superiority
He paused, stunned and comprehending
He perceived the iron hand within the velvet glove
He raised a silencing hand
He ruled autocratically
He sacrificed the vulgar prizes of life
He sat on thorns
He set his imagination adrift
He shambled away with speed
He sighed deeply, from a kind of mental depletion
He smote her quickening sensibilities
He submitted in brooding silence
He suppressed every sign of surprise
He surrendered himself to gloomy thought
He threaded a labyrinth of obscure streets
He threw a ton's weight of resolve upon his muscles
He threw out phrases of ill-humor
He threw round a measuring eye
He treads the primrose path of dalliance
He used an unguarded adjective
He was a tall, dark, saturnine youth, sparing of speech
He was aware of emotion
He was born to a lively and intelligent patriotism
He was dimly mistrustful of it
He was discreetly silent

He was empty of thought
He was entangled in a paradox
He was giving his youth away by handfuls
He was haunted and begirt by presences
He was measured and urbane
He was most profoundly skeptical
He was nothing if not grandiloquent
He was quaking on the precipice of a bad bilious attack
He was utterly detached from life
He went hot and cold
He would fall into the blackest melancholies
He writhed in the grip of a definite apprehension
He writhed with impotent humiliation
Her blank gaze chilled you
Her bright eyes were triumphant
Her eyes danced with malice
Her eyes dilated with pain and fear
Her eyes were full of wondering interest
Her eyes were limpid and her beauty was softened by an
 air of indolence and languor
Her face stiffened anew into a gray obstinacy
Her face was lit up by a glow of inspiration and resolve
Her haughty step waxed timorous and vigilant
Her head throbbed dangerously
Her heart appeared to abdicate its duties
Her heart fluttered with a vague terror
Her heart pounded in her throat
Her heart was full of speechless sorrow
Her hurrying thoughts clamored for utterance
Her imagination recoiled
Her interest flagged
Her life had dwarfed her ambitions
Her limbs ran to marble

Her lips hardened
Her lips parted in a keen expectancy
Her mind was a store-house of innocuous anecdote
Her mind was beaten to the ground by the catastrophe
Her mood was unaccountably chilled
Her musings took a sudden and arbitrary twist
Her scarlet lip curled cruelly
Her smile was faintly depreciatory
Her smile was linked with a sigh
Her solicitude thrilled him
Her stare dissolved
Her step seemed to pity the grass it prest
Her strength was scattered in fits of agitation
Her stumbling ignorance which sought the road of wisdom
Her thoughts outstripped her erring feet
Her tone was gathering remonstrance
Her tongue on the subject was sharpness itself
Her tongue stumbled and was silent
Her voice had the coaxing inflections of a child
Her voice trailed off vaguely
Her voice was full of temper, hard-held
Her voice, with a tentative question in it, rested in air
Her wariness seemed put to rout
His accents breathed profound relief
His agitation increased
His brow grew knit and gloomy
His brow was in his hand
His conscience leapt to the light
His constraint was excruciating
His curiosity is quenched
His dignity counseled him to be silent
His ears sang with the vibrating intensity of his secret existence

His eyes had a twinkle of reminiscent pleasantry
His eyes literally blazed with savage fire
His eyes shone with the pure fire of a great purpose
His eyes stared unseeingly
His face caught the full strength of the rising wind
His face dismissed its shadow
His face fell abruptly into stern lines
His face lit with a fire of decision
His face showed a pleased bewilderment
His face torn with conflict
His face was gravely authoritative
His gaze faltered and fell
His gaze searched her face
His gaze seemed full of unconquerable hopefulness
His hand supported his chin
His hands were small and prehensile
His heart asserted itself again, thunderously beating
His heart rebuked him
His heart was full of enterprise
His impatient scorn expired
His last illusions crumbled
His lips loosened in a furtively exultant smile
His lips seemed to be permanently parted in a good-humored smile
His mind echoed with words
His mind leaped gladly to meet new issues and fresh tides of thought
His mind was dazed and wandering in a mist of memories
His mood yielded
His mouth quivered with pleasure
His passions vented themselves with sneers
His pulses leaped anew
His reputation had withered

His sensibilities were offended
 His shrewd gaze fixed appraisingly upon her
 His soul full of fire and eagle-winged
 His soul was compressed into a single agony of prayer
 His soul was wrung with a sudden wild homesickness
 His speech faltered
 His swift and caustic satire
 His temper was dark and explosive
 His thoughts galloped
 His thoughts were in clamoring confusion
 His tone assumed a certain asperity
 His torpid ideas awoke again
 His troubled spirit shifted its load
 His vagrant thoughts were in full career
 His voice insensibly grew inquisitorial
 His voice was thick with resentment and futile protest
 His whole face was lighted with a fierce enthusiasm
 His whole frame seemed collapsed and shrinking
 His whole tone was blipant and bumptious
 His words trailed off brokenly
 His youthful zeal was contagious
 Hope was far and dim
 How sweet and reasonable the pale shadows of those who
 smile from some dim corner of our memories
 Humiliating paltriness of revenge

I

I capitulated by inadvertence
 I cut my reflections adrift
 I felt a qualm of apprehension
 I suffered agonies of shyness
 I took the good day from the hands of God as a perfect
 gift

I was in a somber mood
I was overshadowed by a deep boding
I was piqued
I yielded to the ingratiating mood of the day
Ill-bred insolence was his only weapon
Ill-dissimulated fits of ambition
Imbued with a vernal freshness
Immense and careless prodigality
Immense objects which dwarf us
Immersed in secret schemes
Immured in a trivial round of duty
Impassioned and earnest language
Impatient and authoritative tones
Impervious to the lessons of experience
Implying an immense melancholy
Imprisoned within an enchanted circle
In a deprecating tone of apology
In a flash of revelation
In a gale of teasing merriment
In a misery of annoyance and mortification
In a musing ecstasy of contemplation
In a sky stained with purple, the moon slowly rose
In a spirit of indulgent irony
In a strain of exaggerated gallantry
In a tone of after-dinner perfunctoriness
In a tone of musing surprise
In a tumult of self-approval and towering exultation
In a vague and fragmentary way
In a wise, superior, slightly scornful manner
In accents of menace and wrath
In its whole unwieldy compass
In moments of swift and momentous decision
In quest of something to amuse

In requital for various acts of rudeness
 In the air was the tang of spring
 In the dusky path of a dream
 In the face of smarting disillusion
 In the flush and heyday of youth and gaiety and loveliness
 In the heyday of friendship
 In the mild and mellow maturity of age
 In the perpetual presence of everlasting verities
 In this breathless chase of pleasure
 In this chastened mood I left him
 Incapable of initiative or boldness
 Inconceivable perversion of reasoning
 Indolently handsome eyes
 Indulge in pleasing discursiveness
 Ineffable sensation of irritability
 Infantile insensibility to the solemnity of his bereavement
 Infantine simplicity and lavish waste
 Innumerable starlings clove the air
 Insensible to its subtle influence
 Inspired by the immortal flame of youth
 Intangible and indescribable essence
 Intense love of excitement and adventure
 Intimations of unpenetrated mysteries
 Into her eyes had come a hostile challenge
 Into the purple sea the orange hues of heaven sunk silently
 Into the very vestibule of death
 Involuntarily she sighed
 Involuntary awkwardness and reserve
 Involved in a labyrinth of perplexities
 It came to him with a stab of enlightenment
 It elicited a remarkably clear and coherent statement
 It is a flight beyond the reach of human magnanimity
 It is a thing infinitely subtle

It is not every wind that can blow you from your anchor-
age

It lends no dazzling tints to fancy

It moved me to a strange exhilaration

It parted to a liquid horizon and showed the gray rim of
the sea

It proved a bitter disillusion

It seemed intolerably tragic

It seemed to exhale a silent and calm authority

It was a breathless night of suspense

It was a desolating vision

It was a night of little ease to his toiling mind

It was a night of stupefying surprises

It was all infinitely soft and refreshing to the eye

It was an evening of great silences and spaces, wholly tran-
quil

It was sheer, exuberant, instinctive, unreasoning, careless
joy

It was the ecstasy and festival of summer

It was torture of the most exquisite kind

J

Jealousies and animosities which pricked their sluggish
blood to tingling

Joy rioted in his large dark eyes

Judging without waiting to ponder over bulky tomes

K

Kind of unscrupulous contempt for gravity

Kiss-provoking lips

L

Laden with the poignant scent of the garden honeysuckle

Language of excessive flattery and adulation

Lapped in soft music of adulation
 Lapse into pathos and absurdity
 Large, dark, luminous eyes that behold everything about
 them
 Latent vein of whimsical humor
 Lead to the strangest aberrations
 Leaping from lambent flame into eager and passionate fire
 Leave to the imagination the endless vista of possibilities
 Life flowed in its accustomed stream
 Lights and shadows of reviving memory crossed her face
 Lionized by fashionable society
 Long intertangled lines of silver streamlets
 Lost in a delirious wonder
 Lost in irritable reflection
 Love hovered in her gaze
 Ludicrous attempts of clumsy playfulness and tawdry elo-
 quence
 Luke-warm assurance of continued love
 Lulled by dreamy musings
 Luminous with great thoughts

M

Magnanimous indifference to meticulous niceties
 Making the ear greedy to remark offense
 Marching down to posterity with divine honors
 Marked out for some strange and preternatural doom
 Mawkishly effeminate sentiment
 Memories plucked from wood and field
 Memory was busy at his heart
 Merged in a sentiment of unutterable sadness and compas-
 sion
 Microscopic minuteness of eye
 Misgivings of grave kinds

Mockery crept into her tone
Molded by the austere hand of adversity
Moments of utter idleness and insipidity
Moods of malicious reaction and vindictive recoil
Morn, in yellow and white, came broadening out of the
 mountains
Mumble only jargon of dotage
My body is too frail for its moods

N

Nature seemed to revel in unwonted contrasts
New ambitions pressed upon his fancy
New dreams began to take wing in his imagination
Night after night the skies were wine-blue and bubbling
 with stars
Night passes lightly in the open world, with its stars and
 dews and perfumes
Nights of fathomless blackness
No mark of trick or artifice
Noble and sublime patience
Nursed by brooding thought

O

Obsessed with the modishness of the hour
Occasional flashes of tenderness and love
Oddly disappointing and fickle
One gracious fact emerges here
One long torture of soul
One of the golden twilights which transfigure the world
Oppressed and disheartened by an all-pervading desolation
Oppressed with a confused sense of cumbrous material
Outweighing years of sorrow and bitterness
Over and over the paroxysms of grief and longing sub-
 merged her

Overhung and overspread with ivy
Overshadowed by a vague depression

P

Pale and vague desolation
Pallor of reflected glories
Palpitating with rage and wounded sensibility
Panting after distinction
Peace brooded over all
Pelted with an interminable torrent of words
Penetrate beneath the surface to the core
Peopled the night with thoughts
Perpetual gloom and seclusion of life
Pertinent to the thread of the discussion
Pervasive silence which wraps us in a mantle of content
Piles of golden clouds just peering above the horizon
Platitudinous and pompously sentimental
Plaudits of the unlettered mob
Pleasant and flower-strewn vistas of airy fancy
Pledged with enthusiastic fervor
Plumbing the depth of my own fears
Poignant doubts and misgivings
Power of intellectual metamorphosis
Power to assuage the thirst of the soul
Precipitated into mysterious depths of nothingness
Preening its wings for a skyward flight
Pressing cares absorbed him
Pride working busily within her
Proclaimed with joyous defiance
Prodigal of discriminating epithets
Prodigious boldness and energy of intellect
Products of dreaming indolence
Profound and chilling solitude of the spot

Proof of his imperturbability and indifference
Provocative of bitter hostility
Pulling the strings of many enterprises
Purge the soul of nonsense

Q

Quickened and enriched by new contacts with life and truth
Quivering with restrained grief

R

Radiant with the beautiful glamor of youth
Ransack the vocabulary
Red tape of officialdom
Redolent of the night lamp
Reflecting the solemn and unfathomable stars
Regarded with an exulting pride
Rehabilitated and restored to dignity
Remorselessly swept into oblivion
Resounding generalities and conventional rhetoric
Respect forbade downright contradiction
Restless and sore and haughty feelings were busy within
Retort leaped to his lips
Rigid adherence to conventionalities
Rudely disconcerting in her behavior
Rudely reminded of life's serious issues

S

Sacrificed to a futile sort of treadmill
Sadness prevailed among her moods
Scorched with the lightning of momentary indignation
Scorning such paltry devices
Scotched but not slain
Scrupulous morality of conduct
Seem to swim in a sort of blurred mist before the eyes

Seething with suppressed wrath
Seize on greedily
Sensuous enjoyment of the outward show of life
Serenity beamed from his look
Serenity of paralysis and death
Seriousness lurked in the depths of her eyes
Served to recruit his own jaded ideas
Set anew in some fresh and appealing form
Setting all the sane traditions at defiance
Shadowy vistas of sylvan beauty
She affected disdain
She assented in precisely the right terms
She bandies adjectives with the best
She challenged his dissent
She cherished no petty resentments
She curled her fastidious lip
She curled her lip with defiant scorn
She did her best to mask her agitation
She disarmed anger and softened asperity
She disclaimed fatigue
She fell into a dreamy silence
She fell into abstracted reverie
She felt herself carried off her feet by the rush of incoherent impressions
She flushed an agitated pink
She forced a faint quivering smile
She frowned incomprehension
She had an air of restrained fury
She had an undercurrent of acidity
She hugged the thought of her own unknown and unap-
plauded integrity
She lingered a few leisurely seconds
She nodded mutely

She nourished a dream of ambition
She permitted herself a delicate little smile
She poured out on him the full opulence of a proud recognition
She questioned inimically
She recaptured herself with difficulty
She regarded him stonily out of flint-blue eyes
She sat eyeing him with frosty calm
She seemed the embodiment of dauntless resolution
She seemed wrapped in a veil of lassitude
She shook hands grudgingly
She softened her frown to a quivering smile
She spoke with hurried eagerness
She spoke with sweet severity
She stilled and trampled on the inward protest
She stood her ground with the most perfect dignity
She strangled a fierce tide of feeling that welled up within her
She swept away all opposing opinion with the swift rush of her enthusiasm
She thrived on insincerity
She twitted him merrily
She was both weary and placated
She was conscious of a tumultuous rush of sensations
She was demure and dimly appealing
She was exquisitely simple
She was gripped with a sense of suffocation and panic
She was in an anguish of sharp and penetrating remorse
She was oppressed by a dead melancholy
She was stricken to the soul
She wore an air of wistful questioning
Sheer superfluity of happiness
Sickening contrasts and diabolic ironies of life

Silence fell

Singing lustily as if to exorcise the demon of gloom

Skirmishes and retreats of conscience

Slender experience of the facts of life

Slope towards extinction

Slow the movement was and tortuous

Slowly disengaging its significance from the thicket of words

So innocent in her exuberant happiness

Soar into a rosy zone of contemplation

Softened by the solicitude of untiring and anxious love

Solitary and sorely smitten souls

Some dim-remembered and dream-like images

Some exquisite refinement in the architecture of the brain

Some flash of witty irrelevance

Something curiously suggestive and engaging

Something eminently human beacons from his eyes

Something full of urgent haste

Something indescribably reckless and desperate in such a picture

Something that seizes tyrannously upon the soul

Sore beset by the pressure of temptation

Specious show of impeccability

Spectacular display of wrath

Spur and whip the tired mind into action

Stale and facile platitudes

Stamped with unutterable and solemn woe

Startled into perilous activity

Startling leaps over vast gulfs of time

Stem the tide of opinion

Stern emptying of the soul

Stimulated to an ever deepening subtlety

Stirred into a true access of enthusiasm

Stony insensibility to the small pricks and frictions of daily life
Strange capacities and suggestions both of vehemence and pride
Strange laughings and glitterings of silver streamlets
Stripped to its bare skeleton
Strode forth imperiously
Struck by a sudden curiosity
Struck dumb with strange surprise
Stung by his thoughts, and impatient of rest
Stung by the splendor of the prospect
Subdued passages of unobtrusive majesty
Sublime indifference to contemporary usage and taste
Submission to an implied rebuke
Subtle indications of great mental agitation
Subtle suggestions of remoteness
Such things as the eye of history sees
Such was the petty chronicle
Suddenly a thought shook him
Suddenly overawed by a strange, delicious shyness
Suddenly smitten with unreality
Suddenly snuffed out in the middle of ambitious schemes
Suffered to languish in obscurity
Sugared remonstrances and cajoleries
Suggestions of veiled and vibrant feeling
Summer clouds floating feathery overhead
Sunk in a phraseological quagmire
Sunk into a gloomy reverie
Sunny silence broods over the realm of little cottages
Supreme arbiter of conduct
Susceptibility to fleeting impressions
Sweet smoke of burning twigs hovered in the autumn day
Swift summer into the autumn flowed

T

Taking the larger sweeps in the march of mind
 Tears of outraged vanity blurred her vision
 Teased with impertinent questions
 Tenderness breathed from her
 Tense with the anguish of spiritual struggle
 Terror filled the more remote chambers of his brain with
 riot
 Tethered to earth
 That which flutters the brain for a moment
 The accelerated beat of his thoughts
 The affluent splendor of the summer day
 The afternoon was filled with sound and sunshine
 The afternoon was waning
 The air and sky belonged to midsummer
 The air darkened swiftly
 The air is touched with a lazy fragrance, as of hidden
 flowers
 The air was caressed with song
 The air was full of fugitive strains of old songs
 The air was raw and pointed
 The allurements of a coquette
 The ambition and rivalry of men
 The angry blood burned in his face
 The anguish of a spiritual conflict tore his heart
 The artificial smile of languor
 The awful and implacable approach of doom
 The babble of brooks grown audible
 The babbledom that dogs the heels of fame
 The bait proved incredibly successful
 The balm of solitary musing
 The beauty straightway vanished
 The beckonings of alien appeals

The benign look of a father
The blandishments of pleasure and pomp of power
The blinding mist came down and hid the land
The blue bowl of the sky, all glorious with the blaze of a
 million worlds
The bound of the pulse of spring
The buzz of idolizing admiration
The caressing peace of bright soft sunshine
The chaotic sound of the sea
The chill of forlorn old age
The chill of night crept in from the street
The chivalric sentiment of honor
The chivalrous homage of respect
The clamorous agitation of rebellious passions
The clouded, restless, jaded mood
The constant iteration of the sea's wail
The contagion of extravagant luxury
The conversation became desultory
The crowning touch of pathos
The current of his ideas flowed full and strong
The dance whizzed on with cumulative fury
The dawn is singing at the door
The day sang itself into evening
The day was at once redolent and vociferous
The day was blind with fog
The day was gracious
The days passed in a stately procession
The days when you dared to dream
The debilitating fears of alluring fate
The deep and solemn purple of the summer night
The deep flush ebbed out of his face
The deep tranquillity of the shaded solitude
The deepening twilight filled with shadowy visions

The deepest wants and aspirations of his soul
 The delicatest reproof of imagined distrust
 The demerit of an unworthy alliance
 The desire of the moth for the star
 The dimness of the sealed eye and soul
 The dreamy solicitations of indescribable afterthoughts
 The dying day lies beautiful in the tender glow of the evening
 The early morning of the Indian summer day was tinged with blue mistiness
 The earth looked despoiled
 The east alone frowned with clouds
 The easy grace of an unpremeditated agreeable talker
 The easy-going indolence of a sedentary life
 The echo of its wrathful roar surged and boomed among the hills
 The empurpled hills standing up, solemn and sharp, out of the green-gold air
 The enchanting days of youth
 The eternal questioning of inscrutable fate
 The evening comes with slow steps
 The evening star silvery and solitary on the girdle of the early night
 The exaggerations of morbid hallucinations
 The excitement of rival issues
 The extraordinary wistful look of innocence and simplicity
 The eye of a scrutinizing observer
 The eyes burnt with an amazing fire
 The eyes filled with playfulness and vivacity
 The father's vigil of questioning sorrow
 The fine flower of culture
 The first recoil from her disillusionment
 The flawless triumph of art

The flight of the autumnal days
The flower of courtesy
The fluttering of untried wings
The foreground was incredibly shabby
The fragrance of a dear and honored name
The freshening breeze struck his brow with a cooling hand
The freshness of some pulse of air from an invisible sea
The fruit of vast and heroic labors
The general effect was of extraordinary lavish profusion
The give and take was delicious
The gloom of the afternoon deepened
The gloom of winter dwelt on everything
The gloomy insolence of self-conceit
The glow of the ambitious fire
The golden gloom of the past and the bright-hued hope of
the future
The golden riot of the autumn leaves
The golden sunlight of a great summer day
The gray air rang and rippled with lark music
The grimaces and caperings of buffoonery
The grotesque nightmare of a haunting fear
The hand of time sweeps them into oblivion
The haunting melody of some familiar line of verse
The haunting phrase leaped to my brain
The headlong vigor of sheer improvisation
The heights of magnanimity and love
The high-bred pride of an oriental
The hills were clad in rose and amethyst
The hill-tops gleam in morning's spring
The hinted sweetness of the challenge aroused him
The hot humiliation of it overwhelmed her
The hungry curiosity of the mind
The idiosyncratic peculiarities of thought

The idle chatter of the crowd
The immediate tyranny of a present emotion
The inaccessible solitude of the sky
The incarnation of all loveliness
The incoherent loquacity of a nervous patient
The indefinable air of good-breeding
The indefinable yearning for days that were dead
The indefinite atmosphere of an opulent nature
The intercepted glances of wondering eyes
The intrusive question faded
The invidious stigma of selfishness
The iron hand of oppression
The irresistible and ceaseless onflow of time
The irrevocable past and the uncertain future
The landscape ran laughing, downhill to the sea
The leaden sky rests heavily on the earth
The leaves of time drop stealthily
The leaves syllabled her name in cautious whispers
The lights winked
The little incident seemed to throb with significance
The lofty grace of a prince
The loud and urgent pageantry of the day
The low hills on the horizon wore a haze of living blue
The machinations of a relentless mountebank
The machinations of an unscrupulous enemy
The magical lights of the horizon
The majestic solemnity of the moment yielded to the persuasive warmth of day
The marvelous beauty of her womanhood
The maximum of attainable and communicable truth
The melancholy day weeps in monotonous despair
The melodies of birds and bees
The memory of the night grew fantastic and remote

The meticulous observation of facts
The mind freezes at the thought
The mind was filled with a formless dread
The mocking echoes of long-departed youth
The moment marked an epoch
The moon is waning below the horizon
The more's the pity
The morning beckons
The morning droned along peacefully
The most servile acquiescence
The multiplicity of odors competing for your attention
The murmur of soft winds in the tree-tops
The murmur of the surf boomed in melancholy mockery
The murmuring of summer seas
The music and mystery of the sea
The music of her delicious voice
The music of her presence was singing a swift melody in
 his blood
The music of forgotten years sounded again in his soul
The mute melancholy landscape
The mystery obsessed him
The naked fact of death
The nameless and inexpressible fascination of midnight
 music
The narrow glen was full of the brooding power of one
 universal spirit
The nascent spirit of chivalry
The night was drowned in stars
The old ruddy conviction deserted me
The onrush and vividness of life
The opulent sunset
The orange pomp of the setting sun
The oscillations of human genius

The outpourings of a tenderness reawakened by remorse
The pageantry of sea and sky
The palest abstractions of thought
The palpitating silence lengthened
The panorama of life was unrolled before him
The paraphernalia of power and prosperity
The parting crimson glory of the ripening summer sun
The past slowly drifted out of his thought
The pendulous eyelids of old age
The penetrating odors assailed his memory as something
 unforgettable
The pent-up intolerance of years of repression
The perfume of the mounting sea saturated the night with
 wild fragrance
The piquancy of the pageant of life
The pith and sinew of mature manhood
The plenitude of her piquant ways
The presage of disaster was in the air
The pressure of accumulated misgivings
The preternatural pomposities of the pulpit
The pristine freshness of spring
The pull of soul on body
The pulse of the rebounding sea
The purging sunlight of clear poetry
The purple vaulted night
The question drummed in head and heart day and night
The question irresistibly emerged
The quick pulse of gain
The radiant serenity of the sky
The radiant stars brooded over the stainless fields, white
 with freshly fallen snow
The restlessness of offended vanity
The retreating splendor of autumn

The rising storm of words
The river ran darkly, mysteriously by
The river sang with its lips to the pebbles
The roar of the traffic rose to thunder
The romantic ardor of a generous mind
The room had caught a solemn and awful quietude
The rosy-hued sky went widening off into the distance
The rosy twilight of boyhood
The royal arrogance of youth
The sadness in him deepened inexplicably
The scars of rancor and remorse
The scent of roses stole in with every breath of air
The sea heaved silvery, far into the night
The sea slept under a haze of golden winter sun
The sea-sweep enfolds you, satisfying eye and mind
The sea-wind buffeted their faces
The secret and subduing charm of the woods
The see-saw of a wavering courage
The sentimental tourist will be tempted to tarry
The shadows of the night seemed to retreat
The shadows rested quietly under the breezeless sky
The shafts of ridicule
The sheer weight of unbearable loneliness
The shiver of the dusk passed fragrantly down the valley
The silence grew stolid
The silence was uncomfortable and ominous
The silent day perfumed with the hidden flowers
The silver silence of the night
The sinking sun made mellow gold of all the air
The sky grew brighter with the imminent day
The sky grew ensaffroned with the indescribable hue that
 heralds day
The sky put on the panoply of evening

The sky was a relentless, changeless blue

The sky was dull and brooding

The sky was heavily sprinkled with stars

The sky was turning to the pearly gray of dawn

The smiling incarnation of loveliness

The song of hurrying rivers

The sound of the sea waxed

The spacious leisure of the forest

The spell of a deathless dream was upon them

The star-strewn spaces of the night

The stars looked down in their silent splendor

The stars seemed attentive

The steadfast mind kept its hope

The steady thunder of the sea accented the silence

The still voice of the poet

The stillness of a forced composure

The stillness of the star-hung night

The strangest thought shimmered through her

The stream forgot to smile

The streams laughed to themselves

The strident discord seemed to mock his mood

The stunning crash of the ocean saluted her

The subtle emanation of other influences seemed to arrest
and chill him

The sudden rush of the awakened mind

The summit of human attainment

The sun blazed torridly

The sun goes down in flame on the far horizon

The sun lay golden-soft over the huddled hills

The sunlight spread at a gallop along the hillside

The sunset was rushing to its height through every possible
phase of violence and splendor

The suspicion of secret malevolence

The swelling tide of memory
The swing of the pendulum through an arch of centuries
The tempered daylight of an olive garden
The tender grace of a day that is fled
The tension of struggling tears which strove for an outlet
The thought leaped
The timely effusion of tearful sentiment
The tone betrayed a curious irritation
The torture of his love and terror crushed him
The trees rustled and whispered to the streams
The tumult in her heart subsided
The tumult in her mind found sudden speech
The tumult of pride and pleasure
The tune of moving feet in the lamplit city
The tyranny of nipping winds and early frosts
The unmasked batteries of her glorious gray eyes
The vacant fields looked blankly irresponsive
The vast and shadowy stream of time
The vast cathedral of the world
The vast unexplored land of dreams
The velvet of the cloudless sky grew darker, and the stars
 more luminous
The veneer of a spurious civilization
The very pulsation and throbbing of his intellect
The very silence of the place appeared a source of peril
The vision fled him
The vivifying touch of humor
The web of lies is rent in pieces
The wheel of her thought turned in the same desolate
 groove
The whispering rumble of the ocean
The white seething surf fell exhausted along the shore
The whole exquisite night was his

The whole sea of foliage is shaken and broken up with little momentary shiverings and shadows

The wide horizon forever flames with summer

The wild whirl of nameless regret and passionate sorrow

The wild winds flew round, sobbing in their dismay

The wind charged furiously through it, panting towards the downs

The wind piped drearily

The wind was in high frolic with the rain

The winnowed tastes of the ages

The woods were silent with adoration

The youth of the soul

The zenith turned shell pink

Their ephemeral but enchanting beauty had expired forever

Their eyes met glancingly

Their troth had been plighted

There was a kind of exhilaration in this subtle baiting

There was a mild triumph in her tone

There was a mournful and dim haze around the moon

There was a strange massing and curving of the clouds

There was a thrill in the air

There was a time I might have trod the sunlit heights

There was no glint of hope anywhere

There was no menace in the night's silvern calmness

There was something so kindly in its easy candor

There was spendthrift grandeur

These qualities were raised to the white heat of enthusiasm

They became increasingly turbid and phantasmagorical

They escaped the baffled eye

They sit heavy on the soul

They were vastly dissimilar

This exquisite conjunction and balance

This little independent thread of inquiry ran through the
texture of his mind and died away

This shadowy and chilling sentiment unaccountably creeps
over me

Thought shook through her in poignant pictures

Thoughts came thronging in panic haste

Thrilled by fresh and indescribable odors

Thrilled with a sense of strange adventure

Through a cycle of many ages

Through endless and labyrinthine sentences

Thrilled to the depths of her being

Time had passed unseen

Tinsel glitter of empty titles

Tired with a dull listless fatigue

To all intents and purposes

To speak with entire candor

To stay his tottering constancy

To the scourging he submitted with a good grace

Tossed disdainfully off from young and ardent lips

Touched every moment with shifting and enchanting beauty

Touched with a bewildering and elusive beauty

Transcendental contempt for money

Transformed with an overmastering passion

Trouble gathered on his brow

Turning the world topsy-turvy

Twilight creeps upon the darkening mind

U

Unapproachable grandeur and simplicity

Unaware of her bitter taunt

Under the vivifying touch of genius

Unearthly in its malignant glee

Unfathomed depths and impossibilities

Unforced and unstudied depth of feeling
 Unspoiled by praise or blame
 Unspoken messages from some vaster world
 Unstable moral equilibrium of boyhood
 Until sleep overtakes us at a stride
 Untouched by the ruthless spirit of improvement
 Upon the mountain-tops of meditation
 Urbanelly plastic and versatile
 Uttering grandiose puerilities

V

Vain allurements of folly and fashion
 Variously ramified and delicately minute channels of ex-
 pression
 Varnished over with a cold repellent cynicism
 Vast sweep of mellow distances
 Veiled by some equivocation
 Vibrant with the surge of human passions
 Vicissitudes of wind and weather
 Vigor and richness of resource
 Visible and palpable pains and penalties
 Voices that charm the ear and echo with a subtle resonance
 in the soul
 Volcanic upheavings of imprisoned passions

W

Wantonly and detestably unkind
 Waylay Destiny and bid him stand and deliver
 Wayward and strangely playful responses
 Wearing the white flower of a blameless life
 What sorry and pitiful quibbling
 When a pleasant countryside tunes the spirit to a serene
 harmony of mood

When music is allied to words
When the frame and the mind alike seem unstrung and list-
less
When the profane voices are hushed
When the waves show their teeth in the flying breeze
Whilst the morn kissed the sleep from her eyes
Whistled life away in perfect contentment
Wholly alien to his spirit
With a vanquished and weary sigh
Womanly fickleness and caprice
Words and acts easily wrenched from their true significance
Worn to shreds by anxiety
Wrapped in a sudden intensity of reflection
Wrapped in an inaccessible mood
Wrapped in scudding rain
Wrapt in his odorous and many-colored robe
Wrapt in inward contemplation
Wrought of an emotion infectious and splendidly dangerous
Wrought out of intense and tragic experience

Y

Yielding to a wave of pity
Your mind enthroned in the seventh circle of content

SECTION VIII

STRIKING SIMILES

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A

- A blind rage like a fire swept over him
A book that rends and tears like a broken saw
A breath of melancholy made itself felt like a chill and sudden gust from some unknown sea
A cloud in the west like a pall creeps upward
A cloud like a flag from the sky
A cluster of stars hangs like fruit in the tree
A confused mass of impressions, like an old rubbish-heap —
A cry as of a sea-bird in the wind
A dead leaf might as reasonably demand to return to the tree
A drowsy murmur floats into the air like thistledown
A face as imperturbable as fate
A face as pale as wax
A face tempered like steel
A fatigued, faded, lusterless air, as of a caged creature
A few pens parched by long disuse
A figure like a carving on a spire
A fluttering as of blind bewildered moths
A giant galleon overhead, looked like some misty monster of the deep
A glacial pang of pain like the stab of a dagger of ice frozen from a poisoned well
A glance that flitted like a bird
A great moon like a red lamp in the sycamore
A grim face like a carved mask

- A hand icily cold and clammy as death
- A heart from which noble sentiments sprang like sparks
from an anvil
- A jeweler that glittered like his shop
- A lady that lean'd on his arm like a queen in a fable of old
fairy days
- A life, a Presence, like the air
- A life as common and brown and bare as the box of earth
in the window there
- A light wind outside the lattice swayed a branch of roses
to and fro, shaking out their perfume as from a swung
censer
- A lightning-phrase, as if shot from the quiver of infallible
wisdom
- A list of our unread books torments some of us like a list
of murders
- A little breeze ran through the corn like a swift serpent
- A little weed-clogged ship, gray as a ghost
- A long slit of daylight like a pointing finger
- A memory like a well-ordered cupboard
- A mighty wind, like a leviathan, plowed the brine
- A mind very like a bookcase
- A mystery, soft, soothing and gentle, like the whisper of a
child murmuring its happiness in its sleep
- A name which sounds even now like the call of a trumpet
- A note of despairing appeal which fell like a cold hand upon
one's living soul
- A purpose as the steady flame
- A question deep almost as the mystery of life
- A quibbling mouth that snapped at verbal errors like a
lizard catching flies
- A radiant look came over her face, like a sudden burst of
sunshine on a cloudy day

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- A reputation that swelled like a sponge —
A ruby like a drop of blood
A shadow of melancholy touched her lithe fancies, as a
cloud dims the waving of golden grain
A silver moon, like a new-stamped coin, rode triumphant
in the sky
A slow thought that crept like a cold worm through all his
brain
A smile flashed over her face, like sunshine over a flower
A soft and purple mist like a vaporous amethyst
A soft haze, like a fairy dream, is floating over wood and
stream
A soul as white as heaven
A sound like the throb of a bell
A stooping girl as pale as a pearl
A sudden sense of fear ran through her nerves like the
chill of an icy wind
A sweet voice caroling like a gold-caged nightingale
A thin shrill voice like the cry of an expiring mouse
A thing of as frail enchantment as the gleam of stars upon
snow
A vague thought, as elusive as the smell of a primrose
A vanishing loveliness as tender as the flush of the rose leaf
and as ethereal as the light of a solitary star
A voice as low as the sea
A voice soft and sweet as a tune that one knows
A white bird floats there, like a drifting leaf
Against a sky as clear as sapphire
Age, like winter weather
Agile as a leopard
Agitated like a storm-tossed ship —
Air like wine

All around them like a forest swept the deep and em-
purpled masses of her tangled hair
All like an icicle it seemed, so tapering and cold
All my life broke up, like some great river's ice at touch
of spring
All silent as the sheeted dead
All sounds were lost in the whistle of air humming by like
the flight of a million arrows
All that's beautiful drifts away like the waters
All the world lay stretched before him like the open palm
of his hand
All unconscious as a flower
Alone, like a storm-tossed wreck, on this night of the glad
New Year
An anxiety hung like a dark impenetrable cloud
An ardent face out-looking like a star
An ecstasy which suddenly overwhelms your mind like an
unexpected and exquisite thought
An envious wind crept by like an unwelcome thought
An ideal as sublime and comprehensive as the horizon
An immortal spirit dwelt in that frail body, like a bird in an
outworn cage
An impudent trick as hackneyed as conjuring rabbits out of
a hat
An indefinable resemblance to a goat
An isle of Paradise, fair as a gem
An old nodding negress whose sable head shined in the sun
like a polished cocoanut
An omnibus across the bridge crawls like a yellow butterfly
An undefined sadness seemed to have fallen about her like
a cloud
An unknown world, wild as primeval chaos

An unpleasing strain, like the vibration of a rope drawn out
too fast

And a pinnacle like a flutter'd bird came flying from afar

And a tear like silver, glistened in the corner of her eye

And all our thoughts ran into tears like sunshine into rain

And at first the road comes moving toward me, like a bride
waving palms

And Dusk, with breast as of a dove, brooded

And eyes as bright as the day

And fell as cold as a lump of clay

And her cheek was like a rose

And here were forests ancient as the hills

And many a fountain, rivulet, and pond, as clear as ele-
mental diamond, or serene morning air

And melting like the stars in June

And night, as welcome as a friend

And silence like a poultice comes to heal the blows of
sound

And spangled o'er with twinkling points, like stars

And the smile she softly uses fills the silence like a speech

As a child in play scatters the heaps of sand that he has
piled on the seashore

As a cloud that gathers her robe like drifted snow

As a flower after a drought drinks in the steady plunging
rain

As a leaf that beats on a mountain

As a lion grieves at the loss of her whelps

As a man plowing all day longs for supper and welcomes
sunset

As a sea disturbed by opposing winds

As amusing as a litter of likely young pigs

As arbitrary as a cyclone and as killing as a pestilence

As austere as a Roman matron

As beautiful as the purple flush of dawn
As blind as a mole
As brief as sunset clouds in heaven
As bright as sunlight on a stream
As busy as a bee
As cattle driven by a gadfly
As chimney sweepers come to dust
As clear as a whistle
As clear as the parts of a tree in the morning sun
As close as oak and ivy stand
As delicate and as fair as a lily
As delightful to the mind as cool well-water to thirsty lips
As diamond cuts diamond
As direct and unvarying as the course of a homing bird
As distinct as night and morning
As dry as desert dust
As dumb as a fish
As easily as the sun shines
As easy as a turn of the hand
As elastic as a steel spring
As extinct as the dodo
As faint as the memory of a sound
As familiar to him as his alphabet
As fatal as the fang of the most venomous snake
As fleeting and elusive as our dreams
As foam from a ship's swiftness
As fresh and invigorating as a sea-breeze
As full of eager vigor as a mountain stream
As full of spirit as a gray squirrel
As gay and busy as a brook
As gently as the flower gives forth its perfume
As gently as withered leaves float from a tree
As graceful as a bough

As grave as a judge
As great as the first day of creation
As high as heaven
As I dropped like a bolt from the blue
As I dwelt like a sparrow among the spires
As if a door were suddenly left ajar into some world un-
seen before
As impossible as to count the stars in illimitable space
As in the footsteps of a god
As inaccessible to his feet as the clefts and gorges of the
clouds
As inexorable as the flight of time
As innocent as a new laid egg
As iridescent as a soap bubble
As locusts gather to a stream before a fire
As mellow and deep as a psalm
As men strip for a race, so must an author strip for the
race with time
As merry as bees in clover
As nimble as water
As one who has climbed above the earth's eternal snow-
line and sees only white peaks and pinnacles
As pale as any ghost
As patient as the trees
As quick as the movement of some wild animal
As quiet as a nun breathless with adoration
As radiant as the rose
As readily and naturally as ducklings take to water
As reticent as a well-bred stockbroker
As ruthlessly as the hoof of a horse tramples on a rose
As shallow streams run dimpling all the way
As simple as the intercourse of a child with its mother

As sleep falls upon the eyes of a child tired with a long
summer day of eager pleasure and delight
As some vast river of unfailing source
As stars that shoot along the sky
As still as a stone
As stupid as a sheep
As sudden as a dislocated joint slipping back into place
As summer winds that creep from flower to flower
As supple as a step-ladder
As swaggering and sentimental as a penny novellete
As swift as thought
As the accumulation of snowflakes makes the avalanche
As the bubble is extinguished in the ocean
As the dew upon the roses warms and melts the morning
light
As the fair cedar, fallen before the breeze, lies self-em-
balmed amidst the moldering trees
As the light straw flies in dark'ning whirlwinds
As the lightning cleaves the night
As the loud blast that tears the skies
As the slow shadows of the pointed grass mark the eternal
periods
As those move easiest who have learn'd to dance
As though a rose should shut, and be a bud again
As though Pharaoh should set the Israelites to make a pin
instead of a pyramid
As unapproachable as a star
As weird as the elfin lights
As well try to photograph the other side of the moon
At extreme tension, like a drawn bow
Away he rushed like a cyclone
Awkward as a cart-horse

B

Babbling like a child

Balmy in manner as a bland southern morning

Be like the granite of thy rock-ribbed land

Beauteous she looks as a water-lily

Beautiful as the dawn, dominant as the sun

Beauty maddens the soul like wine

Beheld great Babel, wrathful, beautiful, burn like a blood-red cloud upon the plain

Beneath a sky as fair as summer flowers

Bent like a wand of willow

Black as a foam-swept rock

Black his hair as the wintry night

Blithe as a bird

Bounded by the narrow fences of life

Bowed like a mountain

Breaking his oath and resolution like a twist of rotten silk

Breathed like a sea at rest

Bright as a diamond in the sun

Bright as a fallen fragment of the sky

Bright as the coming forth of the morning, in the cloud of an early shower

Bright as the sunbeams

Bright as the tear of an angel, glittered a lonely star

Brilliant and gay as a Greek

Brisk as a wasp in the sunshine

Brittle and bent like a bow

Bronze-green beetles tumbled over stones, and lay helpless on their backs with the air of an elderly clergyman knocked down by an omnibus

Brown as the sweet smelling loam

Brute terrors like the scurrying of rats in a deserted attic

Buried in his library like a mouse in a cheese

Burns like a living coal in the soul
But across it, like a mob's menace, fell the thunder
But thou art fled, like some frail exhalation
Butterflies like gems

C

Calm as the night
Calm like a flowing river
Calm like a mountain brooding o'er the sea
Calmly dropping care like a mantle from her shoulders
Cast thy voice abroad like thunder
Charm upon charm in her was packed, like rose-leaves in
 a costly vase
Chaste as the icicle
Cheeks as soft as July peaches
Chill breath of winter
Choked by the thorns and brambles of early adversity
Cities scattered over the world like ant-hills
Cities that rise and sink like bubbles
Clear and definite like the glance of a child or the voice of
 a girl
Clear as a forest pool
Clear as crystal
Clenched little hands like rumpled roses, dimpled and dear
Cloud-like that island hung afar
Clouds like the petals of a rose
Cloudy mirror of opinion
Cold and hard as steel
Cold as the white rose waking at daybreak
Cold, glittering monotony like frosting around a cake
Collapsed like a concertina
Colored like a fairy tale
Companionless as the last cloud of an expiring storm whose
 thunder is its knell

Consecration that like a golden thread runs through the
warp and woof of one's life
Constant as gliding waters
Contending like ants for little molehill realms
Continuous as the stars that shine
Cowslips, like chance-found gold
Creeds like robes are laid aside
Creeping like a snail, unwillingly to school
Cruel as death
Curious as a lynx
Cuts into the matter as with a pen of fire

D

Dainty as flowers
Dance like a wave of the sea
Dark and deep as night
Dark as pitch
Dark trees bending together as though whispering secrets
Dazzling white as snow in sunshine
Deafening and implacable as some elemental force
Dear as remembered kisses after death
Dear as the light that visits these sad eyes
Dearer than night to the thief
Debasing fancies gather like fowl birds
Deep as the fathomless sea
Deep dark well of sorrow
Delicate as nymphs
Delicate as the flush on a rose or the sculptured line on a
Grecian urn
Denominational lines like stone walls
Dependency had dropped from her like a cast-off cloak
Despondency clung to him like a garment that is wet
Destructive as the lightning flash

Die like flies

Dip and surge lightly to and fro, like the red harbor-buoy

Disappearing into distance like a hazy sea

Dissatisfaction had settled on his mind like a shadow

Dissolve like some unsubstantial vision faded

Do make a music like to rustling satin

Dogging them like their own shadow

Dost thou not hear the murmuring nightingale like water

bubbling from a silver jar?

Drop like a feather, softly to the ground

Drowned like rats

Dull as champagne

E

Each like a corpse within its grave

Each moment was an iridescent bubble fresh-blown from
the lips of fancy

Eager-hearted as a boy

Eager with the headlong zest of a hunter for the game

Ears that seemed as deaf as dead man's ears

Easy as a poet's dream

Emotions flashed across her face like the sweep of sun-
rent clouds over a quiet landscape

Eternal as the skies

Evanescient as bubbles

Every flake that fell from heaven was like an angel's kiss

Every lineament was clear as in the sculptor's thought

Every one on the watch, like a falcon on its nest

Every phrase is like the flash of a scimitar

Exploded like a penny squib

Eyes as deeply dark as are the desert skies

Eyes as luminous and bright and brown as waters of a
woodland river

Eyes half veiled by slumberous tears, like bluest water seen
through mists of rain
Eyes like a very dark topaz
Eyes like deep wells of compassionate gloom
Eyes like limpid pools in shadow
Eyes like mountain water that o'erflowing on a rock

F

Faces pale with bliss, like evening stars
Fade away like a cloud in the horizon
Faint and distant as the light of a sun that has long set
Faintly, like a falling dew
Fair and fleet as a fawn
Fair as a star when only one is shining in the sky
Fallen like dead leaves on the highway
Falling away like a speck in space
Fanciful and extravagant as a caliph's dream
Fawning like dumb neglected lap-dogs
Felt her breath upon his cheek like a perfumed air
Fields of young grain and verdured pastures like crushed
velvet
Fierce as a bear in defeat
Fierce as the flames
Fills life up like a cup with bubbling and sparkling liquor
Fit closely together as the close-set stones of a building
Fix'd like a beacon-tower above the waves of a tempest
Flame like a flag unfurled
Flap loose and slack like a drooping sail
Flashed with the brilliancy of a well-cut jewel
Fled like sweet dreams
Fleet as an arrow
Flitted like a sylph on wings
Flowers as soft as thoughts of budding love

Fluent as a rill, that wanders silver-footed down a hill
 Fluid as thought
 Fluttered like gilded butterflies in giddy mazes
 Fragile as a spider's web
 Free as the air, from zone to zone I flew
 Free as the winds that caress
 Fresh and unworn as the sea that breaks languidly beside
 them
 Fresh as a jewel found but yesterday
 Fresh as the first beam glittering on a sail
 Frightened like a child in the dark
 Full-throated as the sea
 Furious as eagles

G

Gazed like a star into the morning light
 Glaring like noontide
 Gleam like a diamond on a dancing girl
 Glistening like threads of gold
 Glitter like a swarm of fire-flies tangled in a silver braid
 Glittering like an aigrette of stars
 Gone astray as a sheep that is lost
 Gone like a glow on the cloud at the close of day
 Gone like tenants that quit without warning
 Gorgeous as the hues of heaven
 Grazing through a circulating library as contentedly as cat-
 tle in a fresh meadow
 Great scarlet poppies lay in drifts and heaps, like bodies
 fallen there in vain assault

H

Hair as harsh as tropical grass and gray as ashes
 Hangs like a blue thread loosen'd from the sky
 Hard, sharp, and glittering as a sword

Harnessed men, like beasts of burden, drew it to the river-side

Haunts you like the memory of some former happiness

He began to laugh with that sibilant laugh which resembles the hiss of a serpent

He bent upon the lightning page like some rapt poet o'er his rhyme

He bolted down the stairs like a hare

He clatters like a windmill

He danced like a man in a swarm of hornets

He fell as falls some forest lion, fighting well

He fell down on my threshold like a wounded stag

He had acted exactly like an automaton

He lay as straight as a mummy

He lay like a warrior taking his rest

He lived as modestly as a hermit

He looked fagged and sallow, like the day

He looked with the bland, expressionless stare of an overgrown baby

He played with grave questions as a cat plays with a mouse

He radiated vigor and abundance like a happy child

He sat down quaking like a jelly

He saw disaster like a ghostly figure following her

He snatched furiously at breath like a tiger snatching at meat

He spoke with a uniformity of emphasis that made his words stand out like the raised type for the blind

He swayed in the sudden grip of anger

He sweeps the field of battle like a monsoon

He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed

He turned on me like a thunder-cloud

He turned white as chalk

He wandered restlessly through the house, like a prowling animal

He was as splendidly serious as a reformer

He was as steady as a clock

He was as wax in those clever hands

He was bold as the hawk

He was so weak now, like a shrunk cedar white with the hoar-frost

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee

Heavy was my heart as stone

Heeled like an avalanche to leeward

Her arms like slumber o'er my shoulders crept

Her banners like a thousand sunsets glow

Her beauty broke on him like some rare flower

Her beauty fervent as a fiery moon

Her breath is like a cloud

Her cheeks are like the blushing cloud

Her cheeks were wan and her eyes like coals

Her dusky cheek would burn like a poppy

Her expression changed with the rapidity of a kaleidoscope

Her eyes as bright as a blazing star

Her eyes as stars of twilight fair

Her eyes, glimmering star-like in her pale face

Her eyes were as a dove that sickeneth

Her face changed with each turn of their talk, like a wheat-field under a summer breeze

Her face collapsed as if it were a pricked balloon

Her face was as solemn as a mask

Her face was dull as lead

Her face was like a light

Her face was passionless, like those by sculptor graved for niches in a temple

Her hair dropped on her pallid cheeks, like sea-weed on
a clam
Her hair hung down like summer twilight
Her hair shone like a nimbus
Her hair was like a coronet
Her hands are white as the virgin rose that she wore on
her wedding day
Her hands like moonlight brush the keys
Her head dropped into her hands like a storm-broken
flower
Her heart has grown icy as a fountain in the fall
Her holy love that like a vesta¹ flame had burned
Her impulse came and went like fireflies in the dusk
Her lashes like fans upon her cheek
Her laugh is like a rainbow-tinted spray
Her lips are like two budded roses
Her lips like a lovely song that ripples as it flows
Her lips like twilight water
Her little lips are tremulous as brook-water is
Her long black hair danced round her like a snake
Her mouth as sweet as a ripe fig
Her neck is like a stately tower
Her pale robe clinging to the grass seemed like a snake
Her pulses flutter'd like a dove
Her skin was as the bark of birches
Her sweetness halting like a tardy May
Her two white hands like swans on a frozen lake
Her voice cut like a knife
Her voice like mournful bells crying on the wind
Her voice was like the voice the stars had when they sang
together
Her voice was rich and vibrant, like the middle notes of a
'cello

Her words sounding like wavelets on a summer shore
Herding his thoughts as a collie dog herds sheep
Here and there a solitary volume greeted him like a friend
 in a crowd of strange faces
Here in statue-like repose, an old wrinkled mountain rose
Hers was the loveliness of some tall white lily cut in marble, splendid but chill
His bashfulness melted like a spring frost
His brow bent like a cliff o'er his thoughts
His checks were furrowed and writhen like rain-washed crags
His eyes blazed like deep forests
His eyes glowed like blue coals
His eyes were hollows of madness, his hair like moldy hay
His face burnt like a brand
His face was glad as dawn to me
His face was often lit up by a smile like pale wintry sunshine
His fingers were knotted like a cord
His formal kiss fell chill as a flake of snow on the cheek
His fortune melted away like snow in a thaw
His glorious moments were strung like pearls upon a string
His indifference fell from him like a garment
His invectives and vituperations bite and flay like steel whips
His mind murmurs like a harp among the trees
His mind was like a lonely wild
His mind was like a summer sky
His nerves thrilled like throbbing violins
His retort was like a knife-cut across the sinews
His revenge descends perfect, sudden, like a curse from heaven
His spirits sank like a stone
His talk is like an incessant play of fireworks

His voice is as the thin faint song when the wind wearily
sighs in the grass
His voice rose like a stream of rich distilled perfumes
His voice was like the clap of thunder which interrupts the
warbling birds among the leaves
His whole soul wavered and shook like a wind-swept leaf
His words gave a curious satisfaction, as when a coin,
tested, rings true gold
Hopeful as the break of day
How like a saint she sleeps
How like a winter hath my absence been
How like the sky she bends over her child
Howling in the wilderness like beasts
Huge as a hippopotamus
Humming-birds like lake of purple fire
Hushed as the grave
Hushed like a breathless lyre

I

I had grown pure as the dawn and the dew
I have heard the Hidden People like the hum of swarming
bees
I have seen the ravens flying, like banners of old wars
I saw a face bloom like a flower
I saw a river of men marching like a tide
I saw his senses swim dizzy as clouds
I wander'd lonely as a cloud
I was as sensitive as a barometer
I was no more than a straw on the torrent of his will
I will face thy wrath though it bite as a sword
Ideas which spread with the speed of light
Idle hopes, like empty shadows
Impassive as a statue

Impatient as the wind

Impregnable as Gibraltar

Impressive as a warrant of arrest for high treason

Incredible little white teeth, like snow shut in a rose

Infrequent carriages sped like mechanical toys guided by
manikins

In honor spotless as unfallen snow

In that head of his a flame burnt that was like an altar-
fire

In yonder cottage shines a light, far-gleaming like a gem

Instantly she revived like flowers in water

Intangible as a dream

It came and faded like a wreath of mist at eve

It cuts like knives, this air so chill

It drops away like water from a smooth statue

It pealed through her brain like a muffled bell

It poured upon her like a trembling flood

It racked his ears like an explosion of steam-whistles

It ran as clear as a trout-brook

It seems as motionless and still as the zenith in the skies

It set his memories humming like a hive of bees

It staggered the eye, like the sight of water running up hill

It stung like a frozen lash

It was as futile as to oppose an earthquake with argu-
ment

It was as if a door had been opened into a furnace, so the
eyes blazed

It would collapse as if by enchantment

Its temples and its palaces did seem like fabrics of enchant-
ment piled to Heaven

J

Jealousy, fierce as the fires

K

Kindle like an angel's wings the western skies in flame
Kindly mornings when autumn and winter seemed to go
 hand in hand like a happy aged couple
Kingdoms melt away like snow

L

Laboring like a giant
Languid streams that cross softly, slowly, with a sound like
 smothered weeping
Laughter like a beautiful bubble from the rosebud of baby-
 hood
Laughter like the sudden outburst of the glad bird in the
 tree-top
Lazy merchantmen that crawled like flies over the blue
 enamel of the sea
Leapt like a hunted stag
Let his frolic fancy play, like a happy child
Let in confusion like a whirling flood
Let thy mouth murmur like the doves
Life had been arrested, as the horologist, with interjected
 finger, arrests the beating of the clock
Life stretched before him alluring and various as the open
 road
Life sweet as perfume and pure as prayer
Light as a snowflake
Lights gleamed there like stars in a still sky
Like a ball of ice it glittered in a frozen sea of sky
Like a blade sent home to its scabbard
Like a blast from a horn
Like a blast from the suddenly opened door of a furnace
Like a blossom blown before a breeze, a white moon drifts
 before a shimmering sky

Like a bright window in a distant view

Like a caged lion shaking the bars of his prison

Like a calm flock of silver-fleeced sheep

Like a cloud of fire

Like a cold wind his words went through their flesh

Like a crowd of frightened porpoises a shoal of sharks pursue

Like a damp-handed auctioneer

Like a deaf and dumb man wondering what it was all about

Like a dew-drop, ill-fitted to sustain unkindly shocks

Like a dipping swallow the stout ship dashed through the storm

Like a distant star glimmering steadily in the darkness

Like a dream she vanished

Like a festooned girdle encircling the waist of a bride

Like a flower her red lips parted

Like a game in which the important part is to keep from laughing

Like a glow-worm golden

Like a golden-shielded army

Like a great express train, roaring, flashing, dashing headlong

Like a great fragment of the dawn it lay

Like a great ring of pure and endless light

Like a great tune to which the planets roll

Like a high and radiant ocean

Like a high-born maiden

Like a jewel every cottage casement showed

Like a joyless eye that finds no object worth its constancy

Like a knight worn out by conflict

Like a knot of daisies lay the hamlets on the hill

Like a lily in bloom

Like a living meteor

- Like a locomotive-engine with unsound lungs
Like a long arrow through the dark the train is darting
Like a mirage, vague, dimly seen at first
Like a miser who spoils his coat with scanting a little cloth
Like a mist the music drifted from the silvery strings
Like a moral lighthouse in the midst of a dark and troubled
 sea
Like a murmur of the wind came a gentle sound of stillness
Like a noisy argument in a drawing-room
Like a pageant of the Golden Year, in rich memorial pomp
 the hours go by
Like a pale flower by some sad maiden cherished
Like a poet hidden
Like a river of molten amethyst
Like a rocket discharging a shower of golden stars
Like a rose embower'd in its own green leaves
Like a sea of upturned faces
Like a shadow never to be overtaken
Like a shadow on a fair sunlit landscape
Like a sheeted ghost
Like a ship tossed to and fro on the waves of life's sea
Like a slim bronze statue of Despair
Like a snow-flake lost in the ocean
Like a soul that wavers in the Valley of the Shadow
Like a stalled horse that breaks loose and goes at a gallop
 through the plain
Like a star, his love's pure face looked down
Like a star that dwelt apart
Like a star, unhasting, unresting
Like a stone thrown at random
Like a summer cloud, youth indeed has crept away
Like a summer-dried fountain

Like a swift eagle in the morning glare breasting the whirlwind with impetuous flight

Like a thing at rest

Like a thing read in a book or remembered out of the far-away past

Like a tide of triumph through their veins, the red, rejoicing blood began to race

Like a triumphing fire the news was borne

Like a troop of boys let loose from school, the adventurers went by

Like a vaporous amethyst

Like a vision of the morning air

Like a voice from the unknown regions

Like a wandering star I fell through the deeps of desire

Like a watch-worn and weary sentinel

Like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed

Like a whirlwind they went past

Like a withered leaf the moon is blown across the bay

Like a world of sunshine

Like a yellow silken scarf the thick fog hangs

Like an alien ghost I stole away

Like an eagle clutching his prey, his arm swooped down

Like an eagle dallying with the wind

Like an engine of dread war, he set his shoulder to the mountain-side

Like an enraged tiger

Like an enthusiast leading about with him an indifferent tourist

Like an icy wave, a swift and tragic impression swept through him

Like an unbidden guest

Like an unbodied joy whose race is just begun

Like an unseen star of birth

Like an unwelcome thought
Like apparitions seen and gone
Like attempting to number the waves on the shore of a
 limitless sea
Like bells that waste the moments with their loudness
Like blasts of trumpets blown in wars
Like bright Apollo
Like bright lamps, the fabled apples glow
Like building castles in the air
Like bursting waves from the ocean
Like cliffs which have been rent asunder
Like clouds of gnats with perfect lineaments
Like cobwebs woven round the limbs of an infant giant
Like crystals of snow
Like dead lovers who died true
Like Death, who rides upon a thought, and makes his way
 through temple, tower, and palace
Like dew upon a sleeping flower
Like dining with a ghost
Like drawing nectar in a sieve
Like earth's decaying leaves
Like echoes from a hidden lyre
Like echoes from an antenatal dream
Like fixed eyes, whence the dear light of sense and thought
 has fled
Like footsteps upon wool
Like fragrance from dead flowers
Like ghosts, from an enchanter fleeing
Like ghosts the sentries come and go
Like golden boats on a sunny sea
Like great black birds, the demons haunt the woods
Like green waves on the sea

Like having to taste a hundred exquisite dishes in a single meal

Like Heaven's free breath, which he who grasps can hold not

Like helpless birds in the warm nest

Like iridescent bubbles floating on a foul stream

Like kindred drops mingled into one

Like laying a burden on the back of a moth

Like lead his feet were

Like leaves in wintry weather

Like leviathans afloat

Like lighting a candle to the sun

Like making a mountain out of a mole-hill

Like mariners pulling the life-boat

Like mice that steal in and out as if they feared the light

Like mountain over mountain huddled

Like mountain streams we meet and part

Like music on the water

Like notes which die when born, but still haunt the echoes of the hill

Like oceans of liquid silver

Like one pale star against the dusk, a single diamond on her brow gleamed with imprisoned fire

Like one who halts with tired wings

Like one who talks of what he loves in dream

Like organ music came the deep reply

Like pageantry of mist on an autumnal stream

Like phantoms gathered by the sick imagination

Like planets in the sky

Like pouring oil on troubled waters

Like roses that in deserts bloom and die

Like rowing upstream against a strong downward current

Like scents from a twilight garden

Like separated souls
Like serpents struggling in a vulture's grasp
Like sheep from out the fold of the sky, stars leapt
Like ships that have gone down at sea
Like shy elves hiding from the traveler's eye
Like skeletons, the sycamores uplift their wasted hands
Like some grave night thought threading a dream
Like some new-gathered snowy hyacinth, so white and
cold and delicate it was
Like some poor nigh-related guest, that may not rudely be
dismiss
Like some suppressed and hideous thought which flits
athwart our musings, but can find no rest within a pure
and gentle mind
Like some unshriven churchyard thing, the friar crawled
Like something fashioned in a dream
Like sounds of wind and flood
Like splendor-winged moths about a taper
Like stepping out on summer evenings from the glaring
ball-room upon the cool and still piazza
Like straws in a gust of wind
Like summer's beam and summer's stream
Like sunlight, in and out the leaves, the robins went
Like sweet thoughts in a dream
Like the awful shadow of some unseen power
Like the bellowing of bulls
Like the boar encircled by hunters and hounds
Like the bubbles on a river sparkling, bursting, borne away
Like the cold breath of the grave
Like the creaking of doors held stealthily ajar
Like the cry of an itinerant vendor in a quiet and pic-
turesque town
Like the dance of some gay sunbeam

Like the dawn of the morn

Like the detestable and spidery araucaria

Like the dew on the mountain

Like the dim scent in violets

Like the drifting foam of a restless sea when the waves
show their teeth in the flying breeze

Like the embodiment of a perfect rose, complete in form
and fragrance

Like the faint cry of unassisted woe

Like the faint exquisite music of a dream

Like the fair flower dishevel'd in the wind

Like the fair sun, when in his fresh array he cheers the
morn, and all the earth revealeth

Like the falling thud of the blade of a murderous ax

Like the fierce fiend of a distempered dream

Like the fitting of an old glove to a hand

Like the foam on the river

Like the great thunder sounding

Like the jangling of all the strings of some musical instru-
ment

Like the jewels that gleam in baby eyes

Like the kiss of maiden love the breeze is sweet and bland

Like the long wandering love, the weary heart may faint
for rest

Like the moon in water seen by night

Like the music in the patter of small feet

Like the prodigal whom wealth softens into imbecility

Like the quivering image of a landscape in a flowing stream

Like the rainbow, thou didst fade

Like the rustling of grain moved by the west-wind

Like the sap that turns to nectar, in the velvet of the peach

Like the sea whose waves are set in motion by the winds

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- Like the sea-worm, that perforates the shell of the mussel,
 which straightway closes the wound with a pearl
Like the setting of a tropical sun
Like the shadow of a great hill that reaches far out over
 the plain
Like the shadows of the stars in the upheaved sea
Like the shudder of a doomed soul
Like the silver gleam when the poplar trees rustle their
 pale leaves listlessly
Like the soft light of an autumnal day
Like the Spring-time, fresh and green
Like the stern-lights of a ship at sea, illuminating only the
 path which has been passed over
Like the sudden impulse of a madman
Like the swell of Summer's ocean
Like the tattered effigy in a cornfield
Like the vase in which roses have once been distill'd
Like the visits of angels, short and far between
Like the whole sky when to the east the morning doth return
Like thistles of the wilderness, fit neither for food nor fuel
Like those great rivers, whose course every one beholds,
 but their springs have been seen by but few
Like thoughts whose very sweetness yielded proof that they
 were born for immortality
Like to diamonds her white teeth shone between the parted
 lips
Like torrents from a mountain source, we rushed into each
 other's arms
Like troops of ghosts on the dry wind past
Like two doves with silvery wings, let our souls fly
Like two flaming stars were his eyes
Like vaporous shapes half seen
Like village curs that bark when their fellows do

Like wasted hours of youth

Like winds that bear sweet music, when they breathe
through some dim latticed chamber

Like wine-stain to a flask the old distrust still clings

Like winged stars the fire-flies flash and glance

Like young lovers whom youth and love make dear

Lingering like an unloved guest

Lithe as a panther

Little white hands like pearls

Lofty as a queen

Loneliness struck him like a blow

Looked back with faithful eyes like a great mastiff to his
master's face

Looking as sulky as the weather itself

Looking like a snarling beast baulked of its prey

Loose clouds like earth's decaying leaves are shed

Lost like the lightning in the sullen clod

Love as clean as starlight

Love brilliant as the morning

Love had like the canker-worm consumed her early prime

Love is a changing lord as the light on a turning sword

Love like a child around the world doth run

Love like a miser in the dark his joys would hide

Love shakes like a windy reed your heart

Love smiled like an unclouded sun

Love that sings and has wings as a bird

Lovely as starry water

Lovely the land unknown and like a river flowing

M

March on my soul nor like the laggard stay

Me on whose heart as a worm she trod

Meaningless as the syllables of an unknown tongue

Men moved hither and thither like insects in their crevices

Mentality as hard as bronze

Mentally round-shouldered and decrepit

Merge imperceptibly into one another like the hues of the
prism

Meteors that dart like screaming birds

Milk-white pavements, clear and richly pale, like alabaster

More variegated than the skin of a serpent

Motion like the spirit of that wind whose soft step deepens
slumber

Motionless as a plumb line

Mountains like frozen wrinkles on a sea

Moving in the same dull round, like blind horses in a mill

Mute as an iceberg

My age is as a lusty Winter

My body broken as a turning wheel

My breath to Heaven like vapor goes

My head was like a great bronze bell with one thought for
the clapper

My heart is as some famine-murdered land

My heart is like a full sponge and must weep a little

My heart like a bird doth hover

My heart will be as wind fainting in hot grass

My life floweth away like a river

My life was white as driven snow

My love for thee is like the sovereign moon that rules the
sea

My love's like the steadfast sun

My lungs began to crow like chanticler

My mind swayed idly like a water-lily in a lake

My muscles are as steel

My skin is as sallow as gold

My soul was as a lampless sea

My spirit seemed to beat the void, like the bird from out
the ark

My thoughts came yapping and growling round me like a
pack of curs

My thoughts ran leaping through the green ways of my
mind like fawns at play

N

Night falls like fire

No longer shall slander's venom'd spite crawl like a snake
across his perfect name

Now every nerve in my body seemed like a strained harp-
string ready to snap at a touch

Now like a wild nymph she veils her shadowy form

Now like a wild rose in the fields of heaven slipt forth the
slender figure of the Dawn

Now memory and emotion surged in my soul like a tempest

Now thou seemest like a bankrupt beau, stripped of his
gaudy hues

O

Obscured with wrath as is the sun with cloud

Odorous as all Arabia

Often enough life tosses like a fretful stream among rocky
boulders

Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud

Old as the evening star

Old happy hours that have long folded their wings

Once again, like madness, the black shapes of doubt swing
through his brain

One bleared star, faint glimmering like a bee

One bright drop is like the gem that decks a monarch's
crown

One by one flitting like a mournful bird

One deep roar as of a cloven world
One winged cloud above like a spread dragon overhangs
the west
Oppressed by the indefiniteness which hung in her mind,
like a thick summer haze
Or shedding radiance like the smiles of God
Our enemies were broken like a dam of river reeds
Our hearts bowed down like violets after rain
Our sail like a dew-lit blossom shone
Overhead the intense blue of the noonday sky burst like a
jewel in the sun

P

Pale and grave as a sculptured nun
Pale as a drifting blossom
Passed like a phantom into the shadows
Passive and tractable as a child
Peaceful as a village cricket-green on Sunday
Peevish and impatient, like some ill-trained man who is sick
Perished utterly, like a blown-out flame
Philosophy evolved itself, like a vast spider's loom
Pillowed upon its alabaster arms like to a child o'erwearied
with sweet toil
Polished as the bosom of a star
Poured his heart out like the rending sea in passionate
wave on wave
Pouting like the snowy buds o' roses in July
Presently she hovered like a fluttering leaf or flake of snow
Pride and self-disgust served her like first-aid surgeons on
the battlefield
Proud as the proudest of church dignitaries
Pure as a wild-flower
Pure as the azure above them

Pure as the naked heavens

Pure as the snowy leaves that fold over the flower's heart

Purple, crimson, and scarlet, like the curtains of God's tabernacle

Put on gravity like a robe

Q

Quaking and quivering like a short-haired puppy after a ducking

Questions and answers sounding like a continuous popping of corks

Quiet as a nun's face

Quietly as a cloud he stole

Quietude which seemed to him beautiful as clear depths of water

Quivering like an eager race-horse to start

R

Rage, rage ye tears, that never more should creep like hounds about God's footstool

Ran like a young fawn

Rattle in the ear like a flourish of trumpets

Rays springing from the east like golden arrows

Red as the print of a kiss might be

Redolent with the homely scent of old-fashioned herbs and flowers

Reflected each in the other like stars in a lake

Refreshed like dusty grass after a shower

Refreshing as descending rains to sunburnt climes

Remote as the hidden star

Restless as a blue-bottle fly on a warm summer's day

Revealed his doings like those of bees in a glass hive

Rich as the dawn

Ride like the wind through the night
Rivers that like silver threads ran through the green and
gold of pasture lands
Roared like mountain torrents
Rolling it under the tongue as a sweet morsel
Round my chair the children run like little things of dancing
gold
Ruddy as sunrise
Ruddy his face as the morning light
Ruffling out his cravat with a crackle of starch, like a
turkey when it spreads its feathers
Running to and fro like frightened sheep
Rushing and hurrying about like a June-bug

S

Sanctuaries where the passions may, like wild falcons, cover
their faces with their wings
Sayings that stir the blood like the sound of a trumpet
Scattered love as stars do light
Sea-gulls flying like flakes of the sea
Sentences level and straight like a hurled lance
Shadowy faces, known in dream, pass as petals upon a
stream
Shake like an aspen leaf
Shaken off like a nightmare
Shapeless as a sack of wool
Shattered like so much glass
She brightened like a child whose broken toy is glued to-
gether
She could summon tears as one summons servants
She danced like a flower in the wind
She disclaimed the weariness that dragged upon her spirits
like leaden weights

She exuded a faint and intoxicating perfume of womanliness, like a crushed herb

She felt like an unrepentant criminal

She fled like a spirit from the room

She flounders like a huge conger-eel in an ocean of dingy morality

She gave him a surprised look, like a child catching an older person in a foolish statement

She gave off antipathies as a liquid gives off vapor

She has great eyes like the doe

She heard him like one in a dream

She let the soft waves of her deep hair fall like flowers from Paradise

She looked like a tall golden candle

She looked like the picture of a young rapt saint, lost in heavenly musing

She moved like mirth incarnate

She nestles like a dove

She played with a hundred possibilities fitfully and discursively as a musician runs his fingers over a key-board

She played with grave cabinets as a cat plays with a mouse

She saw this planet like a star hung in the glistening depths of even

She seemed as happy as a wave that dances on the sea

She shall be sportive as the fawn

She stood silent a moment, dropping before him like a broken branch

She that passed had lips like pinks

She walked like a galley-slave

She walks in beauty like the night

She was as brilliant, and as hard too, as electric light

She was silent, standing before him like a little statuesque figure

Shining like the dewy star of dawn
Shivering pine-trees, like phantoms
Showy as damask-rose and shy as musk
Shrill as the loon's call
Shrivel like paper thrust into a flame
Shy as the squirrel
Sights seen as a traveling swallow might see them on the wing
Silence deep as death
Silence now is brooding like a gentle spirit o'er the still and pulseless world
Silence that seemed heavy and dark, like a passing cloud
Sinks clamorous like mill-waters at wild play
Sits like the maniac on his fancied throne
Skies as clear as babies' eyes
Sleek and thick and yellow as gold
Slender and thin as a slender wire
Slowly as a tortoise
Slowly as the finger of a clock, her shadow came
Slowly moved off and disappeared like shapes breathed on a mirror and melting away
Slowly, unnoted, like the creeping rust that spreads insidious, had estrangement come
Small as a grain of mustard seed
Smooth as a pond
Smooth as the pillar flashing in the sun
Snug as a bug in a rug
Soaring as swift as smoke from a volcano springs
So elusive that the memory of it afterwards was wont to come and go like a flash of light
So my spirit beat itself like a caged bird against its prison bars in vain
Soft as a zephyr

Soft as sleep the snow fell

Soft as Spring

Soft as the down of the turtle dove

Soft as the landscape of a dream

Soft as the south-wind

Soft in their color as gray pearls

Soft vibrations of verbal melody, like the sound of a golden
bell rung far down under the humming waters

Some gleams of feeling pure and warm as sunshine on a
sky of storm

Some like veiled ghosts hurrying past as though driven to
their land of shadows by shuddering fear

Some minds are like an open fire—how direct and instant
our communication with them

Something divine seemed to cling around her like some
subtle vapor

Something resistant and inert, like the obstinate rolling over
of a heavy sleeper after he has been called to get up

Something sharp and brilliant, like the glitter of a sword or
a forked flash of lightning

Sorrowful eyes like those of wearied kine spent from the
plowing

Spread like wildfire

Squirrel-in-the-cage kind of movement

Stamping like a plowman to shuffle off the snow

Stared about like calves in a pen

Steadfast as the soul of truth

Steals lingering like a river smooth

Still as death

Stood like a wave-beaten rock

Straight as a ray of light

Straight as an arrow

Streamed like a meteor through the troubled air

Streamed o'er his memory like a forest flame
Streaming tears, like pearl drops from a flint
Striking with the force of an engine of destruction
Strong as a bison
Style comes, if at all, like the bloom upon fruit, or the glow
 of health upon the cheek
Subtle as jealousy
Sudden a thought came like a full-blown rose, flushing his
 brow
Sudden sprays of rain, like volleys of sharp arrows, rattled
 gustily against the windows
Suddenly, like death, the truth flashed on them
Sunbeams flashing on the face of things like sudden smiles
 of divine delight
Sunday mornings which seem to put on, like a Sabbath garment,
 an atmosphere of divine quietude
Supple and sweet as a rose in bloom
Sway like blown moths against the rosewhite flame
Sweet as a summer night without a breath
Sweet as music she spoke
Sweet as the rain at noon
Sweet as the smile of a fairy
Swift as a swallow heading south
Swift as lightning
Swift as the panther in triumph
Swifter than the twinkling of an eye

T

Talking and thinking became to him like the open page of
 a monthly magazine
Tall lance-like reeds wave sadly o'er his head
That like a wounded snake drags its slow length along

The anemone that weeps at day-break, like a silly girl before
her lover

The army blazed and glowed in the golden sunlight like
a mosaic of a hundred thousand jewels

The army like a witch's caldron seethed

The beating of her heart was like a drum

The beauty of her quiet life was like a rose in blowing

The billows burst like cannon down the coast

The birds swam the flood of air like tiny ships

The boat cuts its swift way through little waves like molten
gold and opal

The boom of the surf grew ever less sonorous, like the
thunder of a retreating storm

The breast-plate of righteousness

The breathless hours like phantoms stole away

The breeze is as a pleasant tune

The calm white brow as calm as earliest morn

The camp fire reddens like angry skies

The chambers of the house were haunted by an incessant
echoing, like some dripping cavern

The church swarmed like a hive

The city is all in a turmoil; it boils like a pot of lentils

The clouds that move like spirits o'er the welkin clear

The clustered apples burnt like flame

The colored bulbs swung noon-like from tree and shrub

The crimson close of day

The curl'd moon was like a little feather

The curling wreaths like turbans seem

The dark hours are swept away like crumbling ashes

The dark mass of her hair shook round her like a sea

The dawn is rising from the sea, like a white lady from her

The dawn had whitened in the mist like a dead face
bed

The dawn with silver-sandaled feet crept like a frightened girl.

The day stunned me like light upon some wizard way

The day was sweeter than honey and the honey-comb

The days have trampled me like armed men

The dead past flew away over the fens like a flight of wild swans

The deep like one black maelstrom round her whirls

The deepening east like a scarlet poppy burnt

The desolate rocky hills rolled like a solid wave along the horizon

The dome of heaven is like one drop of dew

The dreams of poets come like music heard at evening from the depth of some enchanted forest

The eagerness faded from his eyes, leaving them cold as a winter sky after sunset

The earth was like a frying-pan, or some such hissing matter

The eternal sea, which like a childless mother, still must croon her ancient sorrows to the cold white moon

The evening sky was as green as jade

The excitement had spread through the whole house, like a piquant and agreeable odor

The excitement of the thought buoyed his high-strung temperament like a tonic

The feathery meadows like a lilac sea

The firm body like a slope of snow

The first whiff of reality dissipated them like smoke

The floor, newly waxed, gleamed in the candle-light like beaten moonbeams

The fragrant clouds of hair, they flowed round him like a snare

The gathering glory of life shone like the dawn

The gesture was all strength and will, like the stretching
of a sea-bird's wings

The girl's voice rang like a bird-call through his rustling
fancies

The glimmer of tall flowers standing like pensive moon-
worshippers in an ecstasy of prayerless bloom

The guides sniffed, like chamois, the air

The heavens are like a scroll unfurled

The hills across the valley were purple as thunder-clouds

The hoofs of the horses rang like the dumb cadence of an
old saga

The hours crawled by like years

The hum of the camp sounds like the sea

The hurrying crowds of men gather like clouds

The ideas succeeded each other like a dynasty of kings

The impalpable presence of the new century rose like a vast
empty house through which no human feet had walked

The inexorable facts closed in on him like prison-warders
hand-cuffing a convict

The lake glimmered as still as a mirror

The land of gold seemed to hold him like a spell

The land was like a dream

The level boughs, like bars of iron across the setting sun

The light of London flaring like a dreary dawn

The lights blazed up like day

The lilies were drooping, white, and wan, like the head and
skin of a dying man

The mellowing hand of time

The melody rose tenderly and lingeringly like a haunting
perfume of pressed flowers

The Milky Way lay like diamond-dust upon the robe of
some great king

The monk's face whitened like sea-foam

The moon drowsed between the trees like a great yellow moth

The moon on the tower slept soft as snow

The moonbeams rest like a pale spotless shroud

The moonlight lay like snow

The moonlight, like a fairy mist, upon the mesa spreads

The mortal coldness of the soul, like death itself comes down

The mountain shadows mingling, lay like pools above the earth

The mountains loomed up dimly, like phantoms through the mist

The music almost died away, then it burst like a pent-up flood

The name that cuts into my soul like a knife

The nervous little train winding its way like a jointed reptile

The new ferns were spread upon the earth like some lacy coverlet

The night like a battle-broken host is driven before

The night yawned like a foul wind

The ocean swelled like an undulating mirror of the bowl of heaven

The old books look somewhat pathetically from the shelves, like aged dogs wondering why no one takes them for a walk

The old infamy will pop into daylight like a toad out of a fissure in the rock

The penalty falls like a thunderbolt from heaven

The phrase was like a spear-thrust

The pine trees waved as waves a woman's hair

The place was like some enchanted town of palaces

The plains to northward change their color like the shimmering necks of doves

The poppy burned like a crimson ember

The prime of man has waxed like cedars

The public press would chatter and make odd ambiguous sounds like a shipload of monkeys in a storm

The purple heather rolls like dumb thunder

The rainbows flashed like fire

The river shouted as ever its cry of joy over the vitality of life, like a spirited boy before the face of inscrutable nature

The roofs with their gables like hoods

The roses lie upon the grass like little shreds of crimson silk

The satire of the word cut like a knife

The scullion with face shining like his pans

The sea reeled round like a wine-vat splashing

The sea-song of the trampling waves is as muffled bells

The sea spread out like a wrinkled marble floor

The sea, that gleamed still, like a myriad-petaled rose

The sea was as untroubled as the turquoise vault which it reflected

The setting of the sun is like a word of peace

The sharp hail rattles against the panes and melts on my cheeks like tears

The ships, like sheeted phantoms coming and going

The silence seemed to crush to earth like a great looking-glass and shiver into a million pieces

The silvery morning like a tranquil vision fills the world

The sky burned like a heated opal

The sky gleamed with the hardness and brilliancy of blue enamel

The sky was as a shield that caught the stain of blood and
battle from the dying sun

The sky was clear and blue, and the air as soft as milk

The sky was like a peach

The sky where stars like lilies white and fair shine through
the mists

The solid air around me there heaved like a roaring ocean

The solid mountains gleamed like the unsteady sea

The soul is like a well of water springing up into everlast-
ing life

The sound is like a noon-day gale

The sound is like a silver-fountain that springeth in a gold-
en basin

The sound of a thousand tears, like softly pattering wings

The sound of your running feet that like the sea-hoofs beat

The spear-tongued lightning slipped like a snake

The Spring breaks like a bird

The stacks of corn in brown array, like tattered wigwams
on the plain

The stars come down and trembling glow like blossoms on
the waves below

The stars lay on the lapis-lazuli sky like white flower-
petals on still deep water

The stars pale and silent as a seer

The strange cold sense of aloofness that had numbed her
senses suddenly gave way like snow melting in the spring

The sudden thought of your face is like a wound when it
comes unsought

The sun, like a great dragon, writhes in gold

The sun on the sea-wave lies white as the moon

The surf was like the advancing lines of an unknown enemy
flinging itself upon the shore

The terrible past lay afar, like a dream left behind **in the**
night

The tide was in the salt-weed, and like a knife it tore

The time, gliding like a dream

The torrent from the hills leaped down their rocky stair-
ways like wild steeds

The tree whose pluméd boughs are soft as wings of birds

The uproar and contention pierced him like arrows

The veiled future bowed before me like a vision of promise

The velvet grass that is like padding to earth's meager ribs

The villa dips its foot in the lake, smiling at its reflection
like a bather lingering on the brink

The voice of Fate, crying like some old Bellman through
the world

The voice that rang in the night like a bugle call

The warm kindling blood burned her cheeks like the breath
of a hot wind

The waves were rolling in, long and lazy, like sea-worn
travelers

The whole truth, naked, cold, and fatal as a patriot's
blade

The wind all round their ears hissed like a flight of white-
winged geese

The wind comes and it draws its length along like the genii
from the earthen pot

The wine flows like blood

The woman seemed like a thing of stone

The words kept ringing in my ears like the tolling of a bell

The words of the wise fall like the tolling of sweet, grave
bells upon the soul

The world had vanished like a phantasmagoria

The world is bitter as a tear

The world is in a simmer, like a sea

The world wavers within its circle like a dream
The years stretched before her like some vast blank page out
to receive the record of her toil
The years vanished like a May snowdrift
The yellow apples glowed like fire
Their glances met like crossed swords
Their joy like sunshine deep and broad falls on my heart
Their minds rested upon the thought, as chasing butterflies
might rest together on a flower
Their music frightful as the serpent's hiss
Their touch affrights me as a serpent's sting
Then fall unheeded like the faded flower
Then felt I like some watcher of the skies
Then it swelled out to rich and glorious harmonies like a
full orchestra playing under the sea
Then the lover sighing like furnace
Theories sprouted in his mind like mushrooms
There is an air about you like the air that folds a star
There, like a bird, it sits and sings
There seemed to brood in the air a quiet benevolence of a
Father watching His myriad children at play
There she soars like a seraph
There she stood straight as a lily on its stem
There slowly rose to sight, a country like a dragon fast
asleep
There streamed into the air the sweet smell of crushed
grass, as though many fields had been pressed between
giant's fingers and so had been left
These eyes like stars have led me
These final words snapped like a whip-lash
These thoughts pierced me like thorns
They are as cruel as creeping tigers
They are as white foam on the swept sands

They are as white swans in the dusk, thy white hands

They are painted sharp as death

They broke into pieces and fell on the ground, like a silvery,
shimmering shower of hail

They dropped like panthers

They fly like spray

They had hands like claws

They had slipped away like visions

They have as many principles as a fish has bones

They have faces like flowers

They hurried down like plovers that have heard the call

They look like rose-buds filled with snow

They seem like swarming flies, the crowd of little men

They seemed like floating flowers

They shine as sweet as simple doves

They stand like solitary mountain forms on some hard,
perfectly transparent day

They vanished like the shapes that float upon a summer's
dream

Thick as wind-blown leaves innumerable

Thickly the flakes drive past, each like a childish ghost

Thine eyes like two twin stars shining

This life is like a bubble blown up in the air

This love that dwells like moonlight in your face

This thought is as death

This tower rose in the sunset like a prayer

Those ancestral themes past which so many generations
have slept like sea-going winds over pastures

Those death-like eyes, unconscious of the sun

Those eyelids folded like a white rose-leaf

Those eyes like bridal beacons shine

Thou art to me but as a wave of the **wild** sea

Thou as heaven art fair and young

Thou hadst a voice whose sound was like the sea
Thou must wither like a rose
Thou shalt be as free as mountain winds
Thou wouldst weep tears bitter as blood
Though bright as silver the meridian beams shine
Though thou be black as night
Thoughts vague as the fitful breeze
Three-cornered notes fly about like butterflies
Through the forest, like a fairy dream through some dark
mind, the ferns in branching beauty stream
Through the moonlit trees, like ghosts of sounds haunting
the moonlight, stole the faint tinkle of a guitar
Through the riot of his senses, like a silver blaze, ran the
legend
Thy beauty like a beast it bites
Thy brown benignant eyes have sudden gleams of gladness
and surprise, like woodland brooks that cross a sunlit
spot
Thy carven columns must have grown by magic, like a
dream in stone
Thy favors are but like the wind that kisses everything it
meets
Thy heart is light as a leaf of a tree
Thy name burns like a gray and flickering candle flame
Thy name will be as honey on men's lips
Till death like sleep might steal on me
Till he melted like a cloud in the silent summer heaven
Time drops in decay, like a candle burnt out
Time like a pulse shakes fierce
To drag life on, which like a heavy chain lengthens behind
with many a link of pain
To forsake as the trees drop their leaves in autumn
Toys with smooth trifles like a child at play

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Transitory as clouds without substance
Transparent like a shining sun
Tree and shrub altered their values and became transmuted to silver sentinels
Trees that spread their forked boughs like a stag's antlers
Trembling like an aspen-leaf
Truths which forever shine as fixed stars
Turning easily and securely as on a perfect axle

U

Unbends like a loosened bow
Unbreakable as iron
Unconscious as an oak-tree of its growth
Under the willow-tree glimmered her face like a foam-flake drifting over the sea
Unheralded, like some tornado loosed out of the brooding hills, it came to pass
Unknown, like a seed in fallow ground, was the germ of a plan
Unmoving as a tombstone
Untameable as flies
Unutterable things pressing on my soul like a pent-up storm craving for outlet
Upcast like foam of the effacing tide
Uplifting the soul as on dovelike wings
Uplifting their stony peaks around us like the walls and turrets of a gigantic fortress
Urgent as the seas
Uttering wild cries like a creature in pain

V

Vague as a dream
Vague thoughts that stream shapelessly through her mind like long sad vapors through the twilight sky

Vanish into thin air, like ghosts at the cockcrow
Vanished like snow when comes a thaw
Vanished like vapor before the sun
Vibrations set quivering like harp strings struck by the hand
 of a master
Vociferous praise following like a noisy wave

W

Walking somewhat unsteadily like a blind man feeling his
 way
Waves glittered and danced on all sides like millions of
 diamonds
We left her and retraced our steps like faithless hounds
Weak and frail like the vapor of a vale
Wearing their wounds like stars
Weary wind, who wanderest like the world's rejected guest
When a draft might puff them out like a guttering candle
When arm in arm they both came swiftly running, like a
 pair of turtle-doves that could not live asunder day or
 night
When cards, invitations, and three-corn'd notes fly about
 like white butterflies
When she died, her breath whistled like the wind in a key-
 hole
When the fever pierced me like a knife
Where a lamp of deathless beauty shines like a beacon
Where heroes die as leaves fall
Where the intricate wheels of trade are grinding on, like
 a mill
Where the source of the waters is fine as a thread
Whilst the lagging hours of the day went by like windless
 clouds o'er a tender sky
Whistled sharply in the air like a handful of vipers

White as a ghost from darkness
White as chalk
White as dove or lily, or spirit of the light
White as the driven snow
White as the moon's white flame
White as the sea-bird's wing
White clouds like daisies
White hands she moves like swimming swans
White hands through her hair, like white doves going into
the shadow of a wood
White like flame
White sails of sloops like specters
Whose bodies are as strong as alabaster
Whose hair was as gold raiment on a king
Whose laugh moves like a bat through silent haunted woods
Whose little eyes glow like the sparks of fire
Whose music like a robe of living light reclothed each new-
born age
Windy speech which hits all around the mark like a drunk-
en carpenter
Winged like an arrow to its mark
With a sting like a scorpion
With all the complacency of a homeless cat
With an angry broken roar, like billows on an unseen
shore, their fury burst
With hate darkling as the swift winter hail
With music sweet as love
With sounds like breakers
With strength like steel
With the whisper of leaves in one's ear
With words like honey melting from the comb
Wits as sharp as gimlets
Women with tongues like polar needles

Words as fresh as spring verdure
Words as soft as rain
Words like the gossamer film of the summer
Words sweet as honey from his lips distill'd
Words were flashing like brilliant birds through the boughs
 overhead
Wordsworth, thy music like a river rolls
Worthless like the conjurer's gold
Wrangle over details like a grasping pawnbroker
Wrinkled and scored like a dried apple
Writhing with an intensity that burnt like a steady flame

Y

Yielding like melted snow
Yonder flimsy crescent, bent like an archer's bow above the
 snowy summit
You are as gloomy to-night as an undertaker out of em-
 ployment
You are as hard as stone
You gave me such chill embraces as the snow-covered
 heights receive from clouds
Your blood is red like wine
Your charms lay like metals in a mine
Your eyes are like fantastic moons that shiver in some
 stagnant lake
Your eyes as blue as violets
Your eyes they were green and gray like an April day
Your frail fancies are swallowed up, like chance flowers
 flung upon the river's current
Your hair was golden as tints of sunrise
Your heart is as dry as a reed
Your locks are like the raven
Your love shall fall about me like sweet rain

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Your step's like the rain to summer vexed farmer

Your thoughts are buzzing like a swarm of bees

Your tongue is like a scarlet snake

Your voice had a quaver in it just like the linnet

Youth like a summer morn

SECTION IX

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A

A most extraordinary idea!
A thousand hopes for your success
Accept my best wishes
All that is conjecture
Allow me to congratulate you
An unfortunate comparison, don't you think?
And even if it were so?
And how am I to thank you?
And in the end, what are you going to make of it?
And yet the explanation does not wholly satisfy me
Apparently I was wrong
Are we wandering from the point?
Are you a trifle—bored?
Are you fully reconciled?
Are you not complicating the question?
Are you prepared to go to that length?
Are you still obdurate?
As it happens, your conjecture is right
Assuredly I do
At first blush it may seem fantastic

B

Banish such thoughts
But are you not taking a slightly one-sided point of view?
But consider for a moment
But I look at the practical side
But I wander from my point

But now I'll confide something to you
But perhaps I'm hardly fair when I say that
But seriously speaking, what is the use of it?
But surely that is inconsistent
But that's a tremendous hazard
But the thing is simply impossible
But there's one thing you haven't said
But, wait, you haven't heard the end
But what do you yourself think about it?
But who could foresee what was going to happen?
But you are open to persuasion?
But you do not know for certain
But you must tell me more
By a curious chance, I know it very well
By no means desirable, I think

C

Can I persuade you?
Can you imagine anything so horrible?
Certain circumstances make it undesirable
Certainly not, if it displeases you
Certainly, with the greatest pleasure
Come, where's your sense of humor?
Consult me when you want me—at any time

D

Decidedly so
Dine with me to-morrow night?—if you are free?
Do I presume too much?
Do I seem very ungenerous?
Do not misunderstand me
Do not the circumstances justify it?
Don't be so dismal, please
Don't delude yourself

Don't let me encroach on your good nature
Don't think I am unappreciative of your kindness
Do you attach any particular meaning to that?
Do you know, I envy you that
Do you know what his chief interests are now?
Do you mind my making a suggestion?
Do you press me to tell?
Do you really regard him as a serious antagonist?
Do you think there is anything ominous in it?
Does it please you so tremendously?
Does it seem incredible?

E

Either way is perplexing
Eminently proper, I think
Every one looks at it differently
Excuse my bluntness

F

Fanciful, I should say
For the simplest of reasons
Forgive me if I seem disobliging
Fortunate, to say the least
Frankly, I don't see why it should
Frugal to a degree
Fulsome praise, I call it

G

Give me your sympathy and counsel
Glorious to contemplate
Good! that is at least something
Gratifying, I am sure

H

Happily there are exceptions to every rule
Has it really come to that?

Have I incurred your displeasure?

Have you any rooted objection to it?

Have you anything definite in your mind?

Have you reflected what the consequences might be to yourself?

He does me too much honor

He feels it acutely

He has a queer conception of the proprieties

He is a poor disssembler

He is anything but obtuse

He is so ludicrously wrong

He is the most guileless of men

He was so extremely susceptible

He writes uncommonly clever letters

Heaven forbid that I should wound your sensibility

His sense of humor is unquenchable

How amiable you are to say so

How can I tell you how much I have enjoyed it all?

How can I thank you?

How can you be so unjust?

How delightful to meet you

How does the idea appeal to you?

How droll you are!

How extraordinary!

How intensely interesting!

How perfectly delightful!

How utterly abominable

How very agreeable this is!

How very interesting

How very surprising

How well you do it!

However, I should like to hear your views

Human nature interests me very much indeed

I

I admire your foresight
I admit it most gratefully
I agree—at least, I suppose I do
I agree that something ought to be done
I always welcome criticism so long as it is sincere
I am absolutely bewildered
I am afraid I am not familiar enough with the subject
I am afraid I cannot suggest an alternative
I am afraid I've allowed you to tire yourself
I am afraid I must confess my ignorance
I am afraid you will call me a sentimentalist
I am always glad to do anything to please you
I am anxious to discharge the very onerous debt I owe you
I am appealing to your sense of humor
I am at your service
I am bound to secrecy
I am compelled to, unluckily
I am curious to learn what his motive was
I am deeply flattered and grateful
I am delighted to hear you say so
I am dumb with admiration
I am entirely at your disposal
I am extremely glad you approve of it
I am far from believing the maxim
I am fortunate in being able to do you a service
I am glad to be able to think that
I am glad to have had this talk with you
I am glad to say that I have entirely lost that faculty
I am glad you can see it in that way
I am glad you feel so deeply about it
I am giving you well-deserved praise
I am going to make a confession

- I am grateful for your good opinion
- I am honestly indignant
- I am, I confess, a little discouraged
- I am in a chastened mood
- I am inclined to agree with you
- I am incredulous
- I am indebted to you for the suggestion
- I am listening—I was about to propose
- I am lost in admiration
- I am luckily disengaged to-day
- I am more grieved than I can tell you
- I am naturally overjoyed
- I am not a person of prejudices
- I am not an alarmist
- I am not as unreasonable as you suppose
- I am not at all in the secret of his ambitions
- I am not capable of unraveling it
- I am not going into sordid details
- I am not going to let you evade the question
- I am not going to pay you any idle compliments
- I am not impervious to the obligations involved
- I am not in sympathy with it
- I am not in the least surprised
- I am not inquisitive
- I am not prepared to say
- I am not sure that I can manage it
- I am not vindictive
- I am overjoyed to hear you say so
- I am perfectly aware of what I am saying
- I am persuaded by your candor
- I am quite convinced of that
- I am quite discomfited
- I am quite interested to see what you will do

- I am quite ready to be convinced
- I am rather of the opinion that I was mistaken
- I am ready to make great allowances
- I am really afraid I don't know
- I am really gregarious
- I am sensible of the flattery
- I am seriously annoyed with myself about it
- I am so glad you think that
- I am so sorry—so very sorry
- I am sorry to disillusionize you
- I am sorry to interrupt this interesting discussion
- I am sorry to say it is impossible
- I am speaking plainly
- I am still a little of an idealist
- I am suppressing many of the details
- I am sure it sounds very strange to you
- I am sure you could pay me no higher compliment
- I am sure you will hear me out
- I am surprised, I confess
- I am sustained by the prospect of a good dinner
- I am vastly obliged to you
- I am vastly your debtor for the information
- I am very far from being a fanatic
- I am very glad of this opportunity
- I am very grateful—very much flattered
- I am wholly in agreement with you
- I am willing to accept all the consequences
- I am wonderfully well
- I am wondering if I may dare ask you a very personal question?
- I am your creditor unawares
- I anticipate your argument
- I appreciate your motives

I assure you it is most painful to me
I assure you my knowledge of it is limited
I bear no malice about that
I beg your indulgence
I beg your pardon, but you take it too seriously
I brazenly confess it
I can easily understand your astonishment
I can explain the apparent contradiction
I can find no satisfaction in it
I can hardly agree with you there
I can never be sufficiently grateful
I can only tell you the bare facts
I can scarcely accept the offer
I can scarcely boast that honor
I can scarcely imagine anything more disagreeable
I can sympathize with you
I cannot altogether acquit myself of interested motives
I cannot explain it even to myself
I cannot find much real satisfaction in it
I cannot forbear to press my advantage
I cannot imagine what you mean
I cannot precisely determine
I can't pretend to make a jest of what I'm going to say
I cannot say definitely at the moment
I cannot say that in fact it is always so
I cannot see how you draw that conclusion
I cannot thank you enough for all your consideration
I compliment you on your good sense
I confess, I find it difficult
I could ask for nothing better
I could never forgive myself for that
I dare say your intuition is quite right
I decline to commit myself beforehand

I detest exaggeration
I didn't mean that—exactly
I do not comprehend your meaning
I don't deny that it is interesting
I don't doubt it for a moment
I do not doubt the sincerity of your arguments
I do not exactly understand you
I do not feel sure that I entirely share your views
I don't feel that it is my business
I do not find it an unpleasant subject
I don't insist on your believing me
I don't justify my presumption
I don't know quite why you should say that
I don't know that I can do that
I don't know when I have heard anything so lamentable
I don't know why you should be displeased
I don't make myself clear, I see
I don't pretend to explain
I don't see anything particularly wonderful in it
I don't underrate his kindness
I don't want to disguise that from you
I don't want to exaggerate
I don't want to seem critical
I doubt the truth of that saying
I endorse it, every word
I entirely approve of your plan
I fancy it's just that
I fear I cannot help you
I fear that's too technical for me
I feel a certain apprehension
I feel an unwonted sense of gaiety
I feel it my duty to be frank with you
I feel myself scarcely competent to judge

I feel very grateful to you for your kind offer
I find it absorbing
I find it rather monotonous
I find this agreeable mental exhilaration
I frankly confess that
I generally trust my first impressions
I give my word gladly
I give you my most sacred word of honor
I had better begin at the beginning
I had no intention of being offensive
I hadn't thought of it in that light
I hardly think that could be so
I have a hundred reasons for thinking so
I have a peculiar affection for it
I have an immense faith in him
I have been constrained by circumstances
I have been decidedly impressed
I have been longing to see more of you
I have been puzzling over a dilemma
I have every reason to think so
I have given you the best proof of it
I have gone back to my first impressions
I have known striking instances of the kind
I have never heard it put so well
I have no delusions on that score
I have not succeeded in convincing myself of that
I have not the influence you think
I have not the least doubt of it
I haven't the remotest idea
I have often a difficulty in deciding
I have often marveled at your courage
I have quite changed my opinion about that
I have something of great importance to say to you

I have sometimes vaguely felt it
I have the strongest possible prejudice against it
I heartily congratulate you
I hope it will not seem unreasonable to you
I hope we may meet again
I hope you will forgive an intruder
I hope you will not think me irreverent
I hope you will pardon my seeming carelessness
I indulge the modest hope
I know it is very presumptuous
I know my request will appear singular
I like it immensely
I like your frankness
I make no reflection whatever
I mean it literally
I might question all that
I mistrust these wild impulses
I most certainly agree with you
I most humbly ask pardon
I must add my congratulations on your taste
I must apologize for intruding upon you
I must ask you one more question, if I may
I must confess I have never thought of that
I must refrain from any comment
I must respectfully decline to tell you
I must take this opportunity to tell you
I need not remind you that you have a grave responsibility
I never heard anything so absurd
I offer my humblest apologies
I owe the idea wholly to you
I partly agree with you
I personally owe you a great debt of thankfulness
I place myself entirely at your service

I place the most implicit reliance on your good sense
I prefer to reserve my judgment
I purposely evaded the question
I quite appreciate the very clever way you put it
I quite see what the advantages are
I really am curious to know how you guessed **that**
I realize how painful it must be to you
I recollect it clearly
I rely on your good sense
I remember the occasion perfectly
I resent that kind of thing
I respect you for that
I respect your critical faculty
I say it in all modesty
I see disapproval in your face
I see it from a different angle
I see you are an enthusiast
I see your point of view
I seem to have heard that sentiment before
I shall at once proceed to forget it
I shall await your pleasure
I shall be glad if you will join me
I shall be interested to watch it develop
I shall be most proud and pleased
I shall certainly take you at your word
I shall feel highly honored
I shall make a point of thinking so
I shall never forget your kindness
I shall respect your confidence
I should appreciate your confidence greatly
I should be very ungrateful were I not satisfied with **it**
I should feel unhappy if I did otherwise
I should like your opinion of it

I should not dream of asking you to do so
I should think it very unlikely
I simply cannot endure it
I spoke only in jest
I stand corrected
I suppose I ought to feel flattered
I surmised as much
I sympathize deeply with you
I take that for granted
I think extremely well of it
I think he has very noble ideals
I think I can answer that for you
I think I know what you are going to say
I think it has its charm
I think it is superb!
I think it quite admirable
I think its tone is remarkably temperate
I think that is rather a brilliant idea
I think what you say is reasonable
I think you are quibbling
I think you are rather severe in your opinions
I think you have great appreciation of values
I think you have summed it up perfectly
I think your candor is charming
I thoroughly agree with you
I thought it most amusing
I thought you were seriously indisposed
I trust you will not consider it an impertinence
I understand exactly how you feel about it
I understand your delicacy of feeling
I venture to propose another plan
I very rarely allow myself that pleasure
I want to have a frank understanding with you

I was at a loss to understand the reason for it
I was hoping that I could persuade you
I was on the point of asking you
I was speaking generally
I watched you with admiration
I will answer you frankly
I will listen to no protestations
I will take it only under compulsion
I will tell you what puzzles me
I will think of it, since you wish it
I will, with great pleasure
I wish I could explain my point more fully
I wish I knew what you meant by that
I wish to be perfectly fair
I wish to put things as plainly as possible
I wonder how much truth there is in it?
I wonder if you have the smallest recollection of me?
I would agree if I understood
I wouldn't put it just that way
If ever I can repay it, command me
If I mistake not you were there once?
If I speak strongly, it is because I feel strongly
If I were disposed to offer counsel
If I were sure you would not misunderstand my meaning
If you don't mind my saying so
If you insist upon it
If you will pardon me the frankness
In a manner that sometimes terrifies me
In one respect you are quite right
In that case let me rob you of a few minutes
In what case, for example?
Incredible as it sounds, I had for a moment forgotten
Indeed, but it is quite possible

Indeed! How?
Indeed, you are wholly wrong
Indifferently so, I am afraid
Irony was ten thousand leagues from my intention
Is it sane—is it reasonable?
Isn't it amazing?
Isn't it extraordinarily funny?
Isn't it preposterous?
Isn't that a trifle unreasonable?
Isn't that rather a hasty conclusion?
Is that a fair question?
It always seemed to me impossible
It amuses you, doesn't it?
It blunts the sensibilities
It could never conceivably be anything but popular
It depends on how you look at it
It depends upon circumstances
It doesn't sound plausible to me
It has a lovely situation as I remember it
It has amused me hugely
It has been a relief to talk to you
It has been an immense privilege to see you
It has never occurred to me
It is a curious fact
It is a great pleasure to meet you
It is a huge undertaking
It is a most unfortunate affair
It is a perfectly plain proposition
It is a rather melancholy thought
It is a truth universally acknowledged
It is all very inexcusable
It is all very well for you to be philosophical
It is altogether probable

It is an admirable way of putting it
 It is an error of taste
 It is an extreme case, but the principle is sound
 It is an ingenious theory
 It is an uncommonly fine description
 It is extremely interesting, I can assure you
 It is for you to decide
 It is historically true
 It is I who should ask forgiveness
 It is incredible!
 It is indeed generous of you to suggest **it**
 It is inexplicable
 It is interesting, as a theory
 It is literally impossible
 It is merely a mood
 It is most unfortunate
 It is my deliberately formed opinion
 It is my opinion you are too conscientious
 It is nevertheless true
 It is not a matter of the slightest consequence
 It is not always fair to judge by appearances
 It is not so unreasonable as you think
 It is often very misleading
 It is one of the grave problems of the day
 It is only a fancy of mine
 It is perfectly defensible
 It is perfectly trite
 It is permissible to gratify such an impulse
 It is possible, but I rather doubt it
 It is quite an easy matter
 It is quite conceivable
 It is quite too absurd
It is rather startling

It is really impressive
It is really most callous of you to laugh
It is sheer madness
It is sickening and so insufferably arrogant
It is simply a coincidence
It is the most incomprehensible thing in the world
It is to you that I am indebted for all this
It is true, I am grieved to say
It is true none the less
It is very amusing
It is very far from being a fiction
It is very good of you to do this for my pleasure
It is very ingenious
It is very splendid of you
It is wanton capriciousness
It is your privilege to think so
It's a difficult and delicate matter to discuss
It's a matter of immediate urgency
It's absolute folly
It's absurd—it's impossible
It's all nonsense
It's as logical as it can be under the circumstances
It's been a strange experience for you
It's deliciously honest
It's going to be rather troublesome
It's inconceivable that it should ever be necessary
It's mere pride of opinion
It's my chief form of recreation
It's not a matter of vast importance
It's past my comprehension
It's quite wonderful how logical and simple you make it
It's really very perplexing
It's so charming of you to say that

It's so kind of you to come
 It's such a bore having to talk about **it**
 It's the natural sequence
 It's too melancholy
 It's very wonderful
 It makes it all quite interesting
 It may sound strange to you
 It must be a trifle dull at times
 It must be fascinating
 It must be very gratifying to you
 It must have been rather embarrassing
 It seems an age since we've last seen **you**
 It seems entirely wonderful to me
 It seems incredible
 It seems like a distracting dream
 It seems preposterous
 It seems the height of absurdity
 It seems to me that you have a perfect **right to do so**
 It seems unspeakably funny to me
 It seems very ridiculous
 It shall be as you wish
 It should not be objectionable
 It sounds plausible
 It sounds profoundly interesting
 It sounds rather appalling
 It sounds very alluring
 It strikes me as rather pathetic
 It was an unpardonable liberty
 It was inevitable that you should say **that**
 It was most stupid of me to have forgotten **it**
 It was not unkindly meant
 It was peculiarly unfortunate
 It was really an extraordinary experience

It was so incredible
It was the most amazing thing I ever heard
It was very good of you to come out and join us
It will create a considerable sensation
It will divert your thoughts from a mournful subject
It will give me pleasure to do it
It will not alter my determination
It would be ill-advised
It would interest me very much
It would seem to be a wise decision
It would take too long to formulate my thought

J

Join us, please, when you have time
Just trust to the inspiration of the moment
Justify it if you can

L

Let me persuade you
Let me say how deeply indebted I feel for your kindness
Let me speak frankly
Let us grant that for the sake of the argument
Let us take a concrete instance

M

Many thanks—how kind and good you are!
May I ask to whom you allude?
May I be privileged to hear it?
May I speak freely?
May I venture to ask what inference you would draw from that?
Might I suggest an alternative?
Most dangerous!
My attitude would be one of disapproval

My confidence in you is absolute
 My idea of it is quite the reverse
 My information is rather scanty
 My meaning is quite the contrary
 My point of view is different, but I shall not insist upon it
 My views are altered in many respects

N

No, I am speaking seriously
 No, I don't understand it
 Not at all
 Not to my knowledge
 Nothing could be more delightful
 Now is it very plain to you?
 Now you are flippant

O

Obviously the matter is settled
 Of course, but that again isn't the point
 Of course I am delighted
 Of course I don't want to press you against your will
 Of course you will do what you think best
 Oh, certainly, if you wish it
 Oh, do not form an erroneous impression
 Oh, I appreciate that in you!
 Oh, that's mere quibbling
 Oh, that's splendid of you!
 Oh, that was a manner of speaking
 Oh, yes, I quite admit that
 Oh, yes, you may take that for granted
 Oh, you are very bitter
 Oh, you may be as scornful as you like
 On the contrary, I agree with you thoroughly
 On the face of it, it sounds reasonable

One assumption you make I should like to contest
One has no choice to endure it
One must be indulgent under the circumstances
One thing I beg of you

P

Pardon me, but I don't think so
Pardon me, I meant something different
Perhaps I am indiscreet
Perhaps not in the strictest sense
Perhaps you do not feel at liberty to do so
Perhaps you think me ungrateful
Personally I confess to an objection
Please continue to be frank
Please do not think I am asking out of mere curiosity
Please forgive my thoughtlessness
Please make yourself at home
Pray don't apologize
Pray forgive me for intruding on you so unceremoniously
Pray go on!
Precisely, that is just what I meant
Put in that way it certainly sounds very well

Q

Question me, if you wish
Quibbling, I call it
Quite so
Quite the wisest thing you can do

R

Rather loquacious, I think
Reading between the lines
Really? I should have thought otherwise
Really—you must go?

Reassure me, if you can
Reflect upon the possible consequences
Relatively speaking
Reluctantly I admit it
Reverting to another matter

S

Shall we have a compact?
She has an extraordinary gift of conversation
She is easily prejudiced
She seems uncommonly appreciative
She will be immensely surprised
Show me that the two cases are analogous
So far so good
So I inferred
So much the better for me
So you observe the transformation?
Something amuses you
Sometimes the absurdity of it occurs to me
Speaking with all due respect
Still, you might make an exception
Strangely it's true
Such conduct seems to me unjustifiable
Surely there can be no question about that
Surely we can speak frankly
Surely you sound too harsh a note
Surely you would not countenance that

T

Tell me in what way you want me to help you
Thank you for telling me that
Thank you for your good intentions
That, at least, you will agree to
That depends on one's point of view

That doesn't sound very logical
That is a counsel of perfection
That is a fair question, perhaps
That is a question I have often proposed to myself
That is a stroke of good fortune
That is a superb piece of work
That is a very practical explanation
That is admirably clear
That is certainly ideal
That is eminently proper
That is hardly consistent
That is inconceivable
That is just like you, if you will forgive me for saying so
That is most fortunate
That is most kind of you
That is most unexpected and distressing
That is not fair—to me
That is not to be lightly spoken of
That is precisely what I mean
That is quite true, theoretically
That is rather a difficult question to answer
That is rather a strange request to make
That is rather awkward
That is really good of you
That is the prevailing idea
That is tragic
That is true and I think you are right
That is very amiable in you
That is very curious
That is very felicitous
That is very gracious
That is what I call intelligent criticism
That is what I meant to tell you

That is a humiliating thought
That is a most interesting idea
That is such a hideous idea
That is the most incredible part of it
That might involve you in life-long self-reproach
That must be exceedingly tiresome
That ought to make you a little lenient
That reassures me
That shows the infirmity of his judgment
That theory isn't tenable
That was exceedingly generous
That was intended ironically
That was very thoughtful of you
That was very well reasoned
That will blast your chances, I am **afraid**
That will suit me excellently
That would be somewhat serious
That would be very discreditable
The agreement seems to be ideal
The idea is monstrous
The inference is obvious
The notion is rather new to me
The pleasure is certainly not all on your **side**
The reason is not so far to seek
The same problem has perplexed me
The sentiment is worthy of you
The simplest thing in the world
The situation is uncommonly delicate
The story seems to me incredible
The subject is extremely interesting
The tone of it was certainly hostile
The very obvious moral is this
The whole thing is an idle fancy

Then I have your permission?
Then you're really not disinclined?
Then you merely want to ask my advice?
There are endless difficulties
There are reasons which make such a course impossible
There is a good deal of sense in that
There is a grain of truth in that, I admit
There is food for reflection in that
There is my hand on it
There is no resisting you
There is nothing I should like so much
There is one inevitable condition
There is something almost terrifying about **it**
There must be extenuating circumstances
They amuse me immensely
This is a most unexpected pleasure
This is charmingly new to me
This is indeed good fortune
This is really appalling
This is really not a laughing matter
Those are my own private feelings
Those things are not forgotten at **once**
To me it's simply outrageous
To speak frankly, I do not like it
True, I forgot!

U

Undeniably true
Unfortunately I must decline the proposal
Unlikely to be so
Unquestionably superior
Unwholesome influence, I would say

V

Very good, I'll do so

Very well, I will consent
 Vivacity is her greatest charm
 Virtually accomplished, I believe
 Vouch for its truth

W

We are all more or less susceptible
 We are drifting away from our point
 We are impervious to certain rules
 We are merely wasting energy in this **duel**
 We can safely take it for granted
 We couldn't have a better topic
 We had better agree to differ
 We have had some conclusions in common
 We must judge it leniently
We must not expose ourselves to misinterpretation
 We owe you a debt of gratitude
 We shall be glad to see you, if you care to come
 We will devoutly hope not
 Well, as a matter of fact, I have forgotten
 Well done! I congratulate you
 Well, I'm not going to argue that
 Well, I call it scandalous
 Well, I confess they don't appeal to me
 Well, more's the pity
 Well, perhaps it is none of my affair
 Well, that is certainly ideal!
 Well, this is good fortune
 Well, yes—in a way
 Well, you are a dreamer!
 What a beautiful idea
 What a charming place you have **here**
 What a curious coincidence!

What a pretty compliment!
What a tempting prospect!
What an extraordinary idea!
What are your misgivings?
What can you possibly mean?
What conceivable reason is there for it?
What do you imagine my course should be?
What do you propose?
What is the next step in your argument?
What is there so strange about that?
What, may I ask, is your immediate object?
What unseemly levity on his part
What very kind things you say to me
What would you expect me to do?
What you have just said is even truer than **you realize**
What you propose is utterly impossible
Who is your sagacious adviser?
Why ask such embarrassing questions?
Why did you desert us so entirely?
Why do you take it so seriously?
Will you allow me to ask you a question?
Will you be more explicit?
Will you have the kindness to explain?
Will you pardon my curiosity?
Will you permit me a brief explanation?
Would you apply that to every one?
Would you mind telling me your opinion?

Yes and no

Yes, but that is just what I fail to comprehend

Yes, I dare say

Yes, if you will be so good

Yes, *it was extraordinarily fine*

Yes, *that is my earnest wish*

Yes, *that's undeniable*

Yes? *You were saying?*

You agree with me, *I know*

You are a profound philosopher

You are a severe critic

You are delightfully frank

You are greatly to be envied

You are heartily welcome

You are incomprehensible

You are incorrigible

You are kind and comforting

You are most kind

You are not consistent

You are not serious, *I hope*

You are not seriously displeased with *me?*

You are quite delightful

You are rather puzzling to-day

You are right to remind me of that

You are unduly distressing yourself

You are very complimentary

You are very gracious

You're so tremendously kind about it

You're succeeding admirably

You're taking it all much too seriously

You're talking nonsense!

You're very good, *I'm sure*

You ask me—but *I shouldn't wonder if you knew better*
than I do

You astonish me greatly

You behaved with great forbearance

You can hardly be serious

You cannot regret it more than I do
You could not pay me a higher compliment
You did it excellently
You did not clearly understand what I meant
You don't seem very enthusiastic
You excite my curiosity
You flatter my judgment
You have a genius for saying the right thing
You have asked me a riddle
You have asked the impossible
You have been wrongly informed
You have done me a great service
You have had a pleasant time, I hope
You have my deepest sympathy
You have my unbounded confidence
You have received a false impression
You have such an interesting way of putting things
You interest me deeply
You judge yourself too severely
You know I'm in an agony of curiosity
You know I'm not given to sentimentality
You know the familiar axiom
You leave no alternative
You look incredulous
You may be sure of my confidence
You may rely on me absolutely
You might make an exception
You must have misunderstood me
You must not fail to command me
You overwhelm me with your kindness
You really insist upon it?
You rebuke me very fairly
You say that as though you were surprised

You see how widely we differ
You see, it's all very vague
You see things rose-colored
You seem to be in a happy mood
You seem to take a very mild interest in what I propose
You shock me more than I can say
You speak in enigmas
You speak with authority
You surely understand my position
You take a great deal for granted
You take a pessimistic view of things
You take me quite by surprise
You will admit I have some provocation
You will become morbid if you are not careful
You will have ample opportunity
You will, of course, remember the incident
You will please not be flippant
You will understand my anxiety
Your argument is facile and superficial
Your consideration is entirely misplaced
Your judgments are very sound
Your logic is as clever as possible
Your opinion will be invaluable to me
Your request is granted before it is made
Your statement is somewhat startling

SECTION X

PUBLIC SPEAKING PHRASES

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A

A fact of vast moment
A few words will suffice to answer
A further objection is
A great many people have said
A little indulgence may be due to those
A majority of us believe
A man in my situation has
A more plausible objection is found
A proof of this is
A servile mind can never know
A short time since
A specific answer can be given
A thought occurred to me
Able men have reasoned out
Above all things, let us not forget
Absolutely true it is
Abundant reason is there
Accordingly by reason of this circumstance
Add this instance to
After a careful study of all the evidence
After full deliberation
After reminding the hearer
After this it remains only to say
Again, can we doubt
Again, I ask the gentleman
Again, in this view

Again, it is quite clear that
 Again, it is urged
 Again, let us compare
 Again, very numerous are the cases
 Again, we have abundant instances
 Against all this concurring testimony
 All confess this to be true
 All I ask is
 All of us know
 All that I will say now
 All the facts which support this
 All the signs of the time indicate
 All these things you know
 All this being considered
 All this is historical fact
 All this is very well
 All this suggests
 All this we take for granted
 Allow me for a moment to turn to
 Allow me to tell a story
 Altho I say it to myself
 Amazing as it may seem
 Am I mistaken in this
 Among many examples
 Among the distinguished guests who honor
 Among the problems that confront us
 An answer to this is now ready
 An argument has often been put forward
 An example or two will illustrate
 An indescribably touching incident
 An opinion has now become established
 And again, it is said
 And again, it is to be presumed

And coming nearer to our own day
And did a man try to persuade **me**
And do you really think
And everybody here knows
And for myself, as I said
And further, all that I have said
And hence the well-known doctrine
And here again, when I speak
And here allow me to call your attention
And here I am led to observe
And here I come to the closing evidence
And here I have an opportunity
And here I reproach
And here I wish you to observe
And here let me define my position
And here let me give my explanation
And here let us recall to mind
And how is it possible to imagine
And I am bound to say
And I beg of you
And I call on you
And I might say this
And I refuse assent
And I rejoice to know
And I say, it were better for you
And I should in like manner repudiate
And I speak with reverence
And I submit to you
And I trust that you will consider
And I will make a practical suggestion
And I will tell you why
And I would, moreover, submit
And if a man could anywhere be found

And if any of you should question
 And if I know anything of my countrymen
 And if I may presume to speak
 And if I take another instance
 And if this be true
 And if you come to a decision
 And if you think it your duty
 And in conclusion
 And in like manner
 And in order to see this
 And in thus speaking, I am not denying
 And is not this lamentable
 And is there not a presumption
 And it happens
 And it is certainly true
 And it is doubtful if
 And it is not difficult to see
 And it is not plain
 And it is one of the evidences
 And it is precisely in this
 And it is strikingly suggested to us
 And it is undeniable, I say
 And it is well that this should be so
 And last of all
 And lest any one should marvel
 And let it be observed
 And lo! and behold
 And more than this
 And next I would ask
 And now allow me to call attention
 And now behold a mystery
 And now consider
 And now having discussed

And now I beg that I may be permitted
And now I go back to the statement
And now I have completed my review
And now I have said enough to explain
And now I must touch upon one point
And now if I may take for granted
And now it would be very pleasant for me
And now observe how
And now, sir, what I had first to say
And now supposing this point to be settled
And now that I have mentioned
And now the chief points of it
And now the question is asked me
And now, to close, let me give you
And now, to what purpose do I mention
And, of course, you are aware
And of this I am perfectly certain
And quite as difficult is it to create
And right here lies the cause
And, sir, a word
And so, again, as regard
And so I am reminded of a story
And so I leave these words with you
And so I may point out
And so I might recount to you
And so, in the other cases, I have named
And so in the present case
And so on
And so through all phases
And so, upon every hand
And sometimes it will be difficult
And that gave another distorted view
And the reason is very obvious

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And the same holds good
And then again
And then hastily to conclude
And then I may be reminded
And then there is another thought
And then when it is said
And there are reasons why
And there is also this view
And therefore am I truly glad
And therefore it is not unfrequently quoted
And therefore it is not without regret
And this brings me to the last thing
And this is really the sense
And this leads me to say a word
And thus consistently
And thus it is conceivable
And thus it seems to me
And thus we are led on then to further question
And to all this must be added
And to return to the topic
And to this conclusion you must come
And unquestionably
And we are brought to the same conclusion
And what do you suppose will be
And when I have shown to you
And when I recall that event
And when we pass beyond the bounds of
And where, let me ask
And why should I insist
And will you still insist
And with these thoughts come others
And yet I can not but reflect
And yet I feel justified in believing

And yet I think we all feel
And yet let me say to you
And yet one more quotation
And yet this notion is, I conceive
And yet though this be true
And yet we ought, if we are wise
And you may also remember this
Another circumstance that adds to the difficulty
Another consideration which I shall adduce
Another instance of signal success
Another of these presumptions
Another point is made as clear as crystal
Another reason of a kindred nature
Another reflection which occurs to me
Another sign of our times
Another signal advantage
Another striking instance
Answers doubtless may be given
Are there not many of us
Are we content to believe
Are we forever to deprive ourselves
Are we not startled into astonishment
Are we satisfied to assume
As a general rule I hold
As a last illustration
As a matter of fact
As a proof of this
As an illustration of this truth
As briefly as I may
As far as my limits allow
As far as this is true
As far as this objection relates
As far as we know

As for the rest
 As I have now replied to
 As I look around on this assembly
 As I rise to respond to the sentiment
 As I understand this matter
 As memory scans the past
 As society is now constituted
 As some one has well said
 As the foregoing instances have shown
 As to the particular instance before us
 As well might we compare
 As we shall see in a few moments
 Assuredly it is this
 At the outset of this inquiry
 At the risk of digression
 At the same time, I candidly state
 At the utmost we can say
 At this juncture
 At this solemn moment
 Away then with the notion

B

Be assured, then
 Be confident, therefore
 Be it so
 Be not deceived
 Be sure that in spite of
 Be these things as they may
 Be your interests what they may be
 Bear with me for a few moments
 Bearing on this point
 Before attempting to answer this question
 Before going further
 Before I close I will particularly remark

Before I come to the special matter
Before I proceed to compare
Being fully of the opinion
Being persuaded then
Believing, as I do
Beyond all question we
Bidden by your invitation to a discussion
Broadly speaking
But, above all things, let us
But after all, I think no one can say
But again, when we carefully consider
But am I wrong in saying
But apart from the fact
But besides these special facts
But can this question
But depend upon it
But despite all this
But do not let us depend
But do you imagine
But doubts here arise
But even admitting these possibilities
But every one who deserves
But first of all, remark, I beg you
But, further, I shall now demonstrate
But, gentlemen, I must be done
But grave problems confront us
But here I am discussing
But here let me say
But how can we pass over
But how shall I describe my emotions
But however that may be
But I am bound to say
But I am certain from my own experience

But I am very sorry to say
But I am willing enough to admit
But I can at least say
But I can not conceive
But I can promise
But I cherish the hope
But I confess that I should be glad
But I digress
But I do not propose all these things
But I do say this
But I have been insisting simply
But I have heard it argued
But I have no fear of the future
But I leave this train of thought
But I may be permitted to speak
But I may say in conclusion
But I need hardly assert
But I pass that over
But I propose to speak to you
But I repeat
But I resist the temptation
But I return to the question
But I shall go still further
But I simply ask
But I submit the whole subject
But I trust that you will all admit
But I venture to assure you
But I will allude
But I will not further impress any idea
But I would earnestly impress upon you
But if I may even flatter myself
But if I seek for illustrations
But if you want more evidence

But if you wish to know
But in making this assertion
But in my opinion there is no need
But in the course of time
But is it quite possible to hold
But is this any reason why
But it does not follow from this
But it happens very fortunately
But it has been suggested to me
But it is a fact
But it is impossible for one
But it is necessary to explain
But it is no use protesting
But it is not fair to assert
But it is not my intention
But it is not necessary to suppose
But it is not possible to believe
But it is not really so
But it is otherwise with
But it is sometimes said
But it may be doubted whether
But it may happen that I forgot
But it will be a misfortune
But it will naturally be asked
But it will perhaps be argued
But it would be vain to attempt
But let me ask you to glance
But let me before closing refer
But let none of you think
But let us also keep ever in mind
But let us look a little further
But lo! all of a sudden
But mark this

But more than all things else
But my allotted time is running away
But my answer to this objection
But, my friends, pause for a moment
But never was a grosser wrong
But not for one moment
But notwithstanding all this
But now look at the effect
But now take notice of
But on the other hand
But on what ground are we
But passing these by
But perhaps I ought to speak distinctly
But perhaps you are not yet weary
But putting these questions aside
But quite contrary to this, you will find
But recollect, I pray you, how
But, sir, it is manifest
But some other things are to be noted
But some will ask me
But sooner or later
But still, I repeat
But suppose the fact
But surely, you can not say
But that I may not divert you from
But that is not all
But that must be always the impression
But the fact is
But the final value
But the greatest proof of all
But the most formidable problem
But the necessity of the case
But the question may arise

But, then, let us ask ourselves
But there is another duty imposed
But there is much more than this
But this I do not hesitate to say
But this I fearlessly affirm
But this I know
But this is a circuitous argument
But this is no place for controversy
But this is not all
But this is what I mean
But this much I affirm as true
But this warns me
But this we may put aside
But to go still further
But to say the truth
But we are met with the assertion
But we are to recollect
But we ask, perhaps
But we may depend upon it
But we think it is not wise
But we want something more for explanation
But what a blunder would be yours
But what is the fact
But what we must needs guard against
But when it is declared
But when we look a little deeper
But while it may be admitted
But who has not seen
But why do I numerate these details
But with these exceptions
But yet nothing can be more splendid
But you should know
By no means

By the way, I have not mentioned
By this time it will be suspected

C

Can it be supposed
Can the long records of humanity teach us
Can there be a better illustration
Can we pretend
Can you lightly contemplate
Can you yield yourselves
Cautious and practical thinkers ask
Certain it is
Certainly I am not blind to the faults
Certainly, one can conceive
Clearly enough
Coming back to the main subject
Coming down to modern times
Coming to present circumstances
Common sense indicates
Consequently, I am not discussing this matter
Consider, I beg you, what
Contemplating these marvelous changes

D

Delude not yourselves with the belief
Depend upon it
Did it ever occur to you
Difficult then as the question may be
Do I need to describe
Do me the honor of believing
Do not imagine
Do not let us conceal from ourselves
Do not suppose for a moment
Do not talk to me of

Do not think me guilty of
Do we not know
Do what you will
Do you ask how that can be
Do you believe this can be truthfully **said**
Do you not know I am speaking of
Do you remember a concrete instance
Do you think, then
Does any man say
Does it ever occur to you
Does it not seem something like idiocy to
Does it not shock you to think
Does not the event show
Does not the nature of every man revolt
Doubtless the end is sought

E

Every now and then you will find
Every one has asked himself
Every one therefore ought to look to
Every reader of history can recall

F

Far from it
Few indeed there are
Few subjects are more fruitful
Few things impress the imagination more
Finally, it is my most fervent prayer
First in my thoughts are
First of all I ask
For, be assured of this
For behold
For I must tell you
For if any one thinks that there is

For, in truth, if you please to recollect
 For instance, I can fancy
 For is it not true
 For it is not right to
 For let it be observed first
 For mark you
 For my own part, I believe
 For myself, certainly I think
 For observe what the real fact is
 For one I deny
 For, perhaps, after all
 For, perhaps, some one may say
 For so it generally happens
 For the sake of my argument
 For this is what I say
 For this reason, indeed, it is
 For we all know
 Fortunately for us
 Fortunately I am not obliged
 From one point of view we are
 From the circumstances already explained
 From the standpoint of
 From this statement you will perceive

G

Generally speaking
 God be praised
 Grant this true
 Granting all this

H

Had I time for all that might be said
 Had my limits allowed it
 Happily for us

Hardly less marvelous
Hardly will any one venture to say
Have I exaggerated
Have you ever noticed
Having taken a view of
Having thus described what appears to me
He is the best prophet who
He seems at times to confuse
He was an eminent instance of
He who is insensible to
Hence arises a grave mischief
Hence, as I have said
Hence it follows
Here again the testimony corroborates
Here arises the eternal question
Here comes the practical matter
Here for a moment I seem
Here, however, it may be objected
Here I am considering
Here I end my illustrations
Here I must pause for a moment
Here I only insist upon
Here I ought to stop
Here is another strange thing
Here is good hope for us
Here is no question
Here let me meet one other question
Here, then, I am brought to the consideration
Here then I take up the subject
Here then is the key
Here, then, it is natural at last
Here, then, we are brought to the question
Here, then, we are involved

Here undoubtedly it is
 Here we can not but pause to contemplate
 Here we come into direct antagonism with
 Here we come to the very crux of
 Here we have it on high authority
 History is replete with predictions
 Hitherto I have spoken only of
 Holding this view, I am concerned
 How can we help believing
 How do you account for
 How does it happen
 How human language staggers when
 How infinitely difficult it is
 How infinitely superior must it appear
 How is this to be explained
 How many a time
 How momentous, then
 How much better, I say, if
 How much more rational it would be
 How shall I attempt to enumerate
 How shall I describe to you
 However, I am viewing the matter
 However, I will not in any way admit
 However, it is to me a very refreshing thing

I

abide by my statement
 add a few suggestions
 adduce these facts
 admire the main drift of
 admit, of course, at once
 admit the extreme complexity
 again ask

I allude to

I always delight to think

I always will assert the right to

I am a great admirer

I am a little at a loss to know

I am about to supplement

I am agitated by conflicting emotions

I am alarmed, indeed, when I see

I am also bound to say

I am also satisfied

I am apprehensive

I am asked to-night to propose

I am assured and fully believe

I am at a loss for adequate terms

I am bold to say

I am but saying

I am by no means certain

I am certain that you will give me credit

I am certainly in earnest sympathy

I am confronted by the hope

I am conscious of the fact

I am convinced by what I have seen

I am deeply imbued with the conviction

I am deeply insensible of the compliment

I am determined

I am even bold enough to hazard

I am exceeding my necessary limits

I am exceedingly glad of this opportunity

I am extremely obliged to you

I am familiar with

I am far from asserting

I am filled with admiration

I am firmly convinced

I am free to admit
I am fully convinced
I am giving voice to what you all feel
I am glad of this public opportunity
I am glad to answer to the toast
I am glad to express the belief
I am glad to notice
I am going to spare you and myself
I am grateful to you for this honor
I am greatly alarmed
I am greatly indebted to you
I am happy to be with you
I am here by the favor of your invitation
I am here the advocate of
I am here to introduce
I am in favor of
I am in sympathy with
I am inclined sometimes to believe
I am inclined to suspect
I am indebted for the honor
I am, indeed, most solicitous
I am informed
I am led on by these reflections
I am led to believe
I am mainly concerned
I am most deeply sensible of the welcome
I am most grateful for the opportunity
I am myself greatly indebted
I am nevertheless too sensible
I am not a stranger to
I am not at liberty to discuss
I am not at present concerned
I am not about to defend

-
- I am not advocating
 - I am not altogether clear
 - I am not aware of a single instance
 - I am not blind to the faults of
 - I am not bold enough to
 - I am not catching at sharp arguments
 - I am not concerned to argue
 - I am not defending my self
 - I am not dreaming of denying
 - I am not going into vexed questions
 - I am not going to reproach
 - I am not here to defend
 - I am not insensible
 - I am not of those who pretend
 - I am not prepared to dispute the word
 - I am not presumptuous to assert
 - I am not proposing to set forth
 - I am not ripe to pass sentence
 - I am not so unreasonable as to tell you
 - I am not surprised
 - I am not taking into account
 - I am not unaware
 - I am not undertaking to deliver
 - I am now going to attempt
 - I am obliged to add
 - I am obliged to go still further
 - I am often reminded
 - I am old enough to remember
 - I am one of those who believe
 - I am only too sensible of the fact
 - I am perfectly willing to admit
 - I am persuaded
 - I am prepared to back that opinion by

I am privileged to speak to
I am quite conscious that
I am rather disposed to think
I am ready to do battle
I am reassured by the presence here
I am reluctantly but forcibly reminded
I am resolved not to permit
I am sensible, sir
I am simply endeavoring to show
I am so surrounded on every hand
I am sometimes inclined to think
I am somewhat relieved to know
I am sorry to say
I am suggesting the reason why
I am sure, at any rate
I am sure every impartial man will agree
I am sure I feel no hostility
I am sure that I echo the sentiment
I am sure this generous audience will pardon me
I am sure you all hope
I am sure you feel the truth
I am sure you will acquit me
I am sure you will be kind enough
I am sure you will do me the justice
I am sure you will not be surprised
I am surely not here to assert
I am tempted further to offer to you
I am thankful for the privilege
I am thoroughly convinced
I am to speak to you this evening
I am to urge the interest of
I am told occasionally
I am told on authority

I am too well aware of the difficulties
I am totally at a loss to conceive
I am trespassing too long on your time
I am unable to understand
I am unconscious of intentional error
I am under a very great obligation
I am under the deepest feeling of gratitude
I am under the impression
I am unwillingly bound to add
I am uttering no paradox when I say
I am very far from thinking
I am very glad to have the honor
I am very happy to be here
I am very much in the condition of
I am very sure that if you ponder
I am very sure you will believe
I am well aware
I am willing to know
I anticipate with pleasing expectation
I appeal in the first place
I appeal to any man to say
I appeal to the better judgment
I appreciate the significance
I argue this cause
I ask again
I ask no greater blessing
I ask permission to speak to you
I ask the attention
I ask the audience
I ask the audience to return with me
I ask this of you
I ask you calmly and dispassionately
I ask you, gentlemen, do you think

I ask you if it is possible
I ask you, if you please, to rise and give the toast
I ask you in all candor
I ask you now to follow me
I ask you to consider
I ask you to join me in drinking a toast
I ask you to pledge with me
I ask your attention
I ask your indulgence
I assert, sir, that it is
I assure myself
I assure you, of my own personal knowledge
I attribute it to
I avail myself of the opportunity
I beg again to thank you for the honor
I beg all to remember
I beg and implore of you
I beg emphatically to say
I beg leave to make some observations
I beg of you to remember
I beg to tender my most fervent wishes
I beg you not to mistake my meaning
I beg you to accept my grateful expression
I begin by observing
I begin with expressing a sentiment
I believe from my own personal experience
I believe I can speak for all
I believe I shall make it clear to you
I believe I voice the sentiment
I believe it to be the simple truth
I believe most profoundly
I believe that I am within the mark
I believe that in this instance

I bid you a **most** cordial and hearty welcome
I bow with you in reverent commemoration
I call on you to answer
I call to mind how
I can by no calculation justify
I can hardly conceive
I can make allowance for
I can most truthfully assure you
I can never sufficiently express my **gratitude**
I can not allow myself to believe
I can not avoid confessing
I can not be content with
I can not believe, I will not believe
I can not better illustrate this argument
I can not better sum up
I can not boast of
I can not bound my vision
I can not but reflect
I can not but see what mischief
I can not charge myself with
I can not close without giving expression
I can not conceive a greater honor
I can not feel any doubt myself
I can not forbear from offering
I can not give you a better illustration
I can not help expressing a wish
I can not help speaking **urgently**
I can not here go into details
I can not hesitate to say
I can not hope adequately to respond
I can not justly be responsible because
I can not let this opportunity pass
I can not persuade myself

I can not prevail on myself
I can not refrain from saying for myself
I can not resist the train of thought
I can not say how glad I am
I can not say with confidence
I can not stop to give in detail
I can not sufficiently thank you
I can not take back my word
I can not take it for granted
I can not thank you enough
I can not well avoid saying
I can only congratulate you
I can only hope for indulgence
I can readily understand
I can scarcely concede anything more important
I can scarcely find fitting words
I can strongly recommend
I can understand, moreover
I can with propriety speak here
I certainly have not so good an opinion
I challenge any man
I cheerfully own
I cheerfully submit myself
I claim a share also for
I class them altogether under the head
I close with the words
I close with this sentiment
I come at length to
I come next to the question of
I come to the other assumption
I conceive this to be
I confess I feel not the least alarmed
I confess I have had my doubts

I confess I have little sympathy
I confess it affects me very deeply to
I confess it is very difficult to
I confess that I do not entirely approve
I confess that it is a comfort to me
I confess that my notions are widely different
I confess to a little embarrassment
I confess to you that I have no fear
I confine myself to saying
I congratulate you upon the auspicious character
I consider I have said enough in proof
I consider it amply explains
I contend
I content myself with pursuing
I could do no less than
I could easily mention
I could enlarge upon it
I could never understand
I could wish that this belief
I dare say you know
I dare venture the remark
I declare to you
I deem it both necessary and just
I deem it proper here to remind
I deem myself honored
I deny, once and for all
I deny the inference
I desire to be brief
I desire to bear my testimony
I desire to call attention
I desire to know
I desire to lay emphatic stress
I dissent from the opinion

I distrust all general theories of
 I do again and again urge upon you
 I do, indeed, recollect
 I do not absolutely assert
 I do not advocate
 I do not argue
 I do not ask you to
 I do not at this moment remember
 I do not believe it possible
 I do not belong to those who
 I do not choose to consume
 I do not complain of
 I do not consider it necessary
 I do not contend
 I do not countenance for a moment
 I do not deem it incumbent upon me
 I do not depreciate for a moment
 I do not desire to call in question
 I do not desire to put too much emphasis
 I do not despair of surmounting
 I do not disguise the fact
 I do not enter into the question
 I do not fail to admire
 I do not fear a contradiction
 I do not feel at liberty
 I do not forget the practical necessity
 I do not hesitate to say
 I do not imagine
 I do not in the least degree
 I do not indeed deny
 I do not indulge in the delusion
 I do not know how any one can believe
 I do not know whether you are aware of it

I do not know why
I do not know with what correctness
I do not mean anything so absurd
I do not mean now to go further than
I do not mean to impute
I do not merely urge
I do not mistrust
I do not myself pretend to be
I do not need to remind you
I do not, of course, deny
I do not pretend to argue
I do not propose to take up your time
I do not question for a moment
I do not recount all
I do not say anything about the future
I do not say this with any affectation
I do not see how it is possible
I do not see much difference between
I do not seek to palliate
I do not speak exclusively
I do not stop to discuss
I do not, therefore, wonder
I do not think it necessary to warn you
I do not think it possible
I do not think it unfair reasoning
I do not think myself obliged to dwell
I do not think that I need further discuss
I do not think this at all an exaggeration
I do not think we can go far wrong
I do not think you will often hear
I do not understand how it can apply
I do not vouch for
I do not want to discourage you

I do not wish to be considered egotistic
I do not wish to be misrepresented
I do not wonder
I doubt very much whether
I dwell with pleasure on the considerations
I earnestly maintain
I embrace with peculiar satisfaction
I end as I began
I entertain great apprehension for
I entertain no such chimerical hopes
I entertain the hope and opinion
I entirely dissent from the view
I especially hail with approval
I even add this
I even venture to deny
I fancy I hear you say
I fear I may seem trifling
I fear lest I may
I fearlessly appeal
I fearlessly challenge
I feel a great necessity to
I feel bound to add my expression
I feel constrained to declare
I feel entirely satisfied
I feel I have a right to say
I feel it a proud privilege
I feel keenly myself impelled by every duty
I feel only a great emotion of gratitude
I feel respect and admiration
I feel some explanation is due
I feel sure
I feel tempted to introduce here
I feel that I have a special right to

I feel that it is not true
I feel the greatest satisfaction
I feel the task is far beyond my power
I fervently trust
I find it difficult to utter in words
I find it more easy
I find my reference to this
I find myself called upon to say something
I find myself in the position of
I find no better example than
I find no fault with
I find numberless cases
I flatter myself
I, for my part, would rather
I, for one, greatly doubt
I forbear to inquire
I foresaw the consequence
I fully recognize
I gave notice just now
I give you, in conclusion, this sentence
I go further
I grant all this
I grant with my warmest admiration
I gratefully accept
I greatly deplore
I had a kind of hope
I had almost said
I had in common with others
I had occasion to criticize
I happen to differ
I hardly dare to dwell longer
I hardly know anything more strange
I hasten to concede

I have a dark suspicion
I have a great admiration for
I have a pleasing and personal duty
I have a profound pity for those
I have a right to consider
I have a strong belief
I have a very high respect for
I have abstained from
I have acquired some useful experience
I have all along implied
I have all but finished
I have already alluded to
I have already shown the ground of my hope
I have already stated, and now repeat
I have always been under the impression
I have always listened with the greatest satisfaction
I have always maintained
I have another objection
I have another observation to add
I have anticipated the objection
I have assumed throughout
I have attempted thus hastily
I have barely touched some of the points
I have been allowed the privilege
I have been asked several times
I have been extremely anxious
I have been given to understand
I have been glad to observe
I have been heretofore treating
I have been insisting then on this
I have been interested in hearing
I have been pointing out how
I have been profoundly moved

I have been requested to say a word
I have been told by an eminent authority
I have been too long accustomed to hear
I have been touched by the large generosity
I have been trying to show
I have before me the statistics
I have but one more word to add
I have demonstrated to you
I have depicted
I have endeavored to emphasize
I have enlarged on this subject
I have felt it almost a duty to
I have found great cause for wonder
I have frequently been surprised at
I have gazed with admiration
I have generally observed
I have gone so far as to suggest
I have good reason for
I have had steadily in mind
I have had the honor
I have had to take a long sweep
I have heard it objected
I have heard with relief and pleasure
I have hitherto been adducing instances
I have hitherto been engaged in showing
I have in a measure anticipated
I have in my possession
I have incidentally dwelt on
I have introduced it to suggest
I have labored to maintain
I have laid much stress upon
I have lately observed many strong indications
I have listened with the utmost interest

I have little hope that I can add anything
I have lived to see
I have long ago insisted
I have long been of the conviction
I have never heard it suggested
I have never whispered a syllable
I have no acquaintance with
I have no doubt whatever
I have no excuse for intruding
I have no fear of myself
I have no fears for the success
I have no hesitation in asserting
I have no intention to moralize
I have no particular inclination
I have no prejudice on the subject
I have no pretention to be regarded
I have no reason to think
I have no scruple in saying
I have no such gloomy forebodings
I have no sympathy with the men
I have no thought of venturing to say
I have no wish at all to preach
I have not accustomed myself
I have not allowed myself
I have not been able to deny
I have not particularly referred to
I have not said anything yet
I have not the means of forming a judgment
I have not the right to reproach
I have not time to present
I have nothing more to say
I have noticed of late years
I have now explained to you

I have now made bold to touch upon
I have now rather more than kept my word
I have now said all that occurs to me
I have often been impressed with
I have often been struck with the resemblance
I have often lingered in fancy
I have one step farther to go
I have only partially examined
I have partly anticipated
I have pleasant memories of
I have pointed out
I have pride and pleasure in quoting
I have racked this brain of mine
I have read with great regret
I have said and I repeat
I have said over and over again
I have said what I solemnly believe
I have scant patience
I have seen for myself
I have seen it stated in a recent journal
I have seen some signs of encouragement
I have shown
I have some sort of fear
I have sometimes asked myself
I have sometimes fancied
I have sometimes wondered whether
I have still two comments to make
I have taken pains to know
I have the confident hope
I have the greatest possible confidence
I have the honor to propose
I have then to investigate
I have thought it incumbent on me

I have thought it right on this day
 I have thought it well to suggest
 I have throughout highly appreciated
 I have thus been led by my feelings
 I have thus stated the reason
 I have to confess with a feeling of melancholy
 I have to force my imagination
 I have touched very cursorily
 I have tried to convey to you
 I have undertaken to speak
 I have very much less feeling of
 I have watched with some attention
 I have witnessed the extraordinary
 I have yet a more cogent reason
 I have yet to learn
 I hazard nothing in saying
 I hear it sometimes said
 I hear you say to yourselves
 I heartily feel the singular claims
 I hesitate to take an instance
 I hold it to be clearly expedient
 I hold myself obliged to
 I hold the maxim no less applicable
 I hold this to be a truth
 I hold to the principle
 I hope by this time we are all convinced
 I hope for our own sakes
 I hope I have expressed myself explicitly
 I hope I may be allowed to intimate
 I hope I shall not be told
 I hope it is no disparagement
 I hope most sincerely and truly
 I hope none who hear me

I hope not to occupy more than a few minutes

I hope that I shall not be so unfortunate

I hope the day may be far distant

I hope the time may come again

I hope to be excused if

I hope to be forgiven if

I hope we may forget

I hope you will not accuse me

I imagine that no one will be disposed

I insist upon it

I intend to propose

I know from experience how

I know full well

I know I am treading on thin ice

I know it has been questioned

I know it is said

I know it will be said

I know many reasons why

I know not how else to express

I know not in what direction to look

I know not of my own knowledge

I know not where else to find

I know perfectly well

I know that it is impossible for me to

I know that this is the feeling

I know that what I may say is true

I know there are some who think

I know there is a theory among us

I know too well

I know very well the difference between

I know well it is not for me

I know well the sentiments

I know you are all impatient to hear

I know you will do all in your power
I know you will interpret what I say
I labor under a degree of prejudice
I lately heard it affirmed
I lay it down as a principle
I leave history to judge
I leave it to you
I leave the arduous task
I leave to others to speak
I long to speak a word or two
I look hopefully to
I look in vain
I look with encouragement
I look with inexpressible dread
I look with mingled hope and terror
I make my appeal to
I make no extravagant claim
I make this abrupt acknowledgment
I marvel that
I may add, speaking for my own part
I may be allowed to make one remark
I may be permitted to add
I may confess to you
I may safely appeal
I may say to you calmly
I may seem to have been diffuse
I may take as an instance
I may venture upon a review
I mean by this
I mean, moreover
I mean something more than that
I mention it to you to justify
I mention these facts because

I mention this, not by way of complaint
I might bring you another such case
I might deny that
I might enter into such detail
I might go further
I might go on indefinitely
I might go on to illustrate
I might of course point first
I might reasonably question the justice
I might try to explain
I might venture to claim
I might well have desired
I might well think
I must ask an abrupt question
I must be careful about what I say
I must be contented with
I must be excused if I say
I must bow in reverence
I must call your attention for a moment
I must conclude abruptly
I must confess that I became rather alarmed
I must consider this as
I must crave your indulgence
I must express to you again
I must fairly tell you
I must find some fault with
I must for want of time omit
I must here admit
I must lament
I must leave any detailed development
I must mention with praise
I must not allow myself to indulge
I must not for an instant be supposed

I must not overlook
I must now beg to ask
I must pause a moment to
I must proceed
I must qualify the statement
I must remind my hearers of
I must reply to some observations
I must return to the subject
I must say that I am one of those
I must speak plainly
I must suppose, however
I must take occasion to say
I must thank you once more
I must try to describe to you
I myself have boundless faith
I need not assure this brilliant company
I need not dwell
I need not enter into
I need not follow out the application
I need not, I am certain, assure you
I need not say how much I thank you
I need not show how inconsistent
I need not specially recommend to you
I need not wander far in search
I need only to observe
I need say nothing in praise
I need scarcely observe
I need to guard myself right here
I neither affirm nor deny
I next come to the implicit assumption
I note with particular pleasure
I notice it as affording an instance
I noticed incidentally the fact

I now address you on a question
I now come, sir, to the second head
I now have the pleasure of presenting to you
I now pass to the question of
I now proceed to inquire
I now reiterate
I object strongly to the use
I observe, then, in the first place
I only ask a favorable construction of
I only marvel
I only wish you to recognize
I open the all-important question
I ought to give an illustration
I own I can not help feeling
I particularly allude to
I pass on from that
I pass then to our second division
I pause for a moment to say
I pause to confess once more
I pay tribute to
I personally know that it is so
I pray God I may never
I predict that you will
I prefer a practical view
I presume I shall have to admit
I presume that I shall not be disbelieved
I proceed to another important phase
I profess
I propose briefly to glance at
I propose, therefore, to consider
I protest I never had any doubt
I purposely have avoided
I question whether

I quite endorse what has been said
I rather look forward to a time
I readily grant
I really can not think it necessary to
I really do not know
I really thought that you would excuse me
I recall another historical fact
I recognize the high compliment conveyed
I recollect hearing a sagacious remark
I refer especially
I refuse to believe
I regard as an erroneous view
I regard it as a tribute
I regard it as a very great honor
I regret that I am not able to remember
I regret that it is not possible for me
I regret the time limits me
I regret this the less
I rejoice in an occasion like this
I rejoice that events have occurred
I rejoice to think I remark here
I remember a reference made
I remember an intimation
I remember full well
I remember the enjoyment with which
I remember to have heard
I repeat, I am not speaking
I repeat my statement in another form
I respectfully counsel
I respectfully submit
I rest my opinion on
I rise in behalf
I rise to express my disapprobation

I rise to thank you
I rise with some trepidation
I return, in conclusion, to
I return you my most grateful thanks
I said a little way back
I said it would be well
I said that I thought
I salute with profound reverence
I sanction with all my heart
I saw an ingenious argument the other day
I say frankly
I say in moderation
I say it is extremely important
I say it most confidently
I say no more of these things
I say not one syllable against
I say, then, my first point is
I say this is no disparagement of
I say this the more gladly
I say without fear of contradiction
I see around me
I see as clearly as any man possibly can
I see little hope of
I see no exception
I see no possibility of
I see no reason for doubting
I seem to hear you say
I seize upon this opportunity
I seriously desire
I set out with saying
I shall add a few words
I shall address myself to a single point
I shall ask you to look very closely

I shall be told
I shall best attain my object
I shall bestow a little attention upon
I shall certainly admit
I shall consider myself privileged
I shall desist from
I shall endeavor to be guided
I shall give it in the words of
I shall here briefly recite the
I shall here use the word to denote
I shall hope to interest you
I shall invite you to follow me
I shall just give the summary of
I shall never believe
I shall never cease to be grateful
I shall not acknowledge
I shall not attempt a detailed narrative
I shall not end without appealing
I shall not enlarge upon
I shall not force into the discussion
I shall not go so far as to say
I shall not hesitate to say something
I shall not tax your patience
I shall not undertake to prophesy
I shall not weary your patience
I shall now give you some instances
I shall now proceed to show
I shall often have to advert to
I shall pass by all this
I shall presently show
I shall proceed without further preface
I shall recur to certain questions
I shall say all this without entering into

I shall show that I am not
I shall speak first about
I shall speak with becoming frankness
I shall take a broader view of the subject
I shall take it for granted here
I shall therefore endeavor
I shall touch upon one or two questions
I shall waste no time in refuting
I shall with your sanction
I should be false to my own manhood
I should be surprised if
I should be the last man to deny
I should fail in my duty if
I should find it hard to discover
I should have forfeited my own self-respect
I should like at least to mention
I should like to emphasize
I should like to go a step farther
I should like to refer to two events
I should like to see that view answered
I should like to-day to examine briefly
I should much prefer
I should not be satisfied with myself
I should think it too absurd
I shrink from the contemplation
I shudder at the doctrine
I simply lay my finger on a fact
I simply pause here to ask
I sincerely regret the absence
I sincerely wish it were in my power
I solemnly declare
I sometimes hear a wish expressed
I sorrowfully call to mind

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I speak forth my sentiment
I speak from no little personal observation
I speak of this to show
I speak the fact when I tell you
I speak the secret feeling of this company
I speak what I know when I say
I speak wholly without authority
I speak with feeling upon this point
I speak with some degree of encouragement
I speak with the utmost sincerity
I speak within the hearing of
I stand in awed amazement before
I stand in the midst of men
I still view with respect
I submit it to every candid mind
I submit that in such a case
I submit that it is high time
I submit this proposition
I summon you to do your share
I suppose it is right to answer
I suppose it to be entirely true
I suppose most men will recollect
I suppose that every one who listens to me
I suppose there is no one here
I suppose we are all of one opinion
I suspect that is why we so often
I sympathize most heartily
I take a broader and bolder position
I take it for granted
I take leave to say
I take one picture as an illustration
I take pleasure in saying
I take the liberty of observing

I take this instance at random
I take two views of
I tell him in reply
I tell you, gentlemen
I tender my thanks to you
I thank you for having allowed me
I thank you for the appreciative tone
I thank you for the honor
I thank you for your most generous greeting
I thank you for your thoughtful courtesy
I thank you from the bottom of my heart
I thank you very gratefully
I thank you very sincerely for the honor
I think I am correct in saying
I think I am not the first to utter
I think I can claim a purpose
I think I can sincerely declare
I think I have a right to look upon
I think I have rightly spoken
I think I might safely say
I think I need not say more
I think it is not too much to say
I think it is quite right
I think it may be necessary to consider
I think it might be said with safety
I think it my duty to
I think it observable
I think it probable
I think it will astonish you
I think it will be granted
I think no wise man can be indifferent
I think, on the contrary
I think something may be said in favor of

I think that all will agree
I think that I can explain
I think that I can venture to say
I think that, in these last years
I think that none of us will deny
I think there is no better evidence
I think there is no call on me to listen
I think we are justified
I think we can hardly hope
I think we may all easily see
I think we may ask in reply
I think we may safely conclude
I think we may say, therefore
I think we may well be proud of
I think we may well congratulate each other
I think we must draw a distinction
I think we need neither doubt nor fear
I think we ought to recur a moment to
I think we shall all recognize
I think we should do well to call to mind
I think we take too narrow a view
I think when we look back upon
I think you may well rejoice in
I think you will all agree
I think you will pardon my saying
I think you will see
I thus explicitly reply
I tremble at the task
I tremble to think
I trust I may be indulged
I trust it is not presumptuous
I trust that as the years roll on
I trust that I shall have the indulgence

I trust that this will not be regarded as
I turn, gentlemen, to the case
I use the word advisedly
I use the word in the sense
I use very plain language
I utter this word with the deepest affection
I value very much the honor
I venture to ask permission
I venture to say
I verily believe
I very confidently submit
I view that prospect with the greatest misgiving
I want to bespeak your attention
I want to know the character
I want to make some simple applications
I want to say just a few words
I want to say one word more
I want to say to you seriously
I want to think with you
I warn and exhort you
I was astonished to learn
I was constantly watchful to
I was exceedingly interested
I was honored with the acquaintance
I was lost in admiration
I was not slow to accept and believe
I was not without some anxiety
I was overwhelmed
I was sincerely astonished
I was very much interested
I was very much thrilled
I well recollect the time
I well remember an occasion

- I will accept the general proposition
- I will add the memorable words
- I will ask the indulgence
- I will ask you to accompany me
- I will ask you to bear witness
- I will dwell a little longer
- I will endeavor in a brief way
- I will endeavor to illustrate
- I will endeavor to show you
- I will enlarge no further
- I will even express a hope at the **outset**
- I will even go further and say
- I will first call your attention to
- I will give one more illustration
- I will illustrate this point by
- I will merely mention
- I will neither affirm nor deny
- I will not allude
- I will not argue this
- I will not attempt to note
- I will not be content until
- I will not condescend to
- I will not enumerate at present
- I will not pause to maintain
- I will not positively say
- I will not pretend to inquire into
- I will not quarrel with
- I will not relinquish the confidence
- I will not repeat the arguments **here**
- I will not try to gauge
- I will now consider with you
- I will now leave this question
- I will now take an instance

I will only speak to one point
I will only sum up my evidence
I will only take an occasion to express
I will only venture to remind you
I will point out to your attention
I will say at once
I will speak but a word or two more
I will speak plainly
I will state with perfect distinctness
I will suppose the objection to be
I will take one more instance
I will take the precaution to add
I will tell you what I think of
I will try to make the thing intelligible
I will venture a single remark
I will venture to add
I will venture to express the hope
I will yield the whole question
I willingly admit
I wish also to declare positively
I wish at the outset
I wish emphatically to reaffirm
I wish I had the time and the power
I wish it first observed
I wish rather to call your attention
I wish, sir, that justice might be done
I wish to ask if you honestly and candidly believe
I wish to be allowed to enforce in detail
I wish to begin my statement
I wish to confine what I have to say
I wish to do full justice to
I wish to draw your attention
I wish to express my profound gratification

I wish to give these arguments their full weight

I wish to know whether

I wish to offer a few words relative to

I wish to remind you in how large a degree

I wish to say a word or two

I wish to state all this as a matter of fact

I wish you success and happiness

I wish you to observe

I would also gratefully acknowledge

I would as soon believe

I would desire to speak simply and directly

I would enter a protest

I would further point out to you

I would have you understand

I would infinitely rat^ler

I would like to say one word just here

I would not be understood as belittling

I would not dwell upon that matter if

I would not push the suggestion so far

I would now gladly lay before you

I would rather a thousand times

I would recommend to your consideration

I would suggest first of all

I would that my voice could reach the ear

I would urge and entreat you

I would urge upon you

I would venture to point out

I yielded to the earnest solicitations

If any man be so persuaded

If any one could conceive

If any one is so dim of vision

If any other answer be made

If at first view this should seem

If, however, you determine to
If I am asked for the proof
If I am wrong
If I can carry you with me
If I can succeed in describing
If I could find words
If I have done no more than view the facts
If I have in any way deserved
If I may be allowed a little criticism
If I may be allowed modestly to suggest
If I may be allowed to refer
If I may reverently say so
If I may say so without presumption
If I may so speak
If I may take for granted
If I may venture to say anything
If I mistake not the sentiment
If I recollect aright
If I understand the matter at all
If I venture a few remarks
If I were asked
If I were to act upon my conviction
If I were to recapitulate
If I wished to prove my contention
If, in consequence, we find it necessary
If in the glow of conscious pride
If in the years of the future
If it be difficult to appreciate
If it be so
If it be true
If it is contended
If it means anything, it means this
If more were needed to illustrate

If my opinions are true
 If on the contrary, we all foresee
 If, on the other hand, I say
 If one seeks to measure
 If only we go deep enough
 If still you have further doubt
 If the bare facts were studied
 If the experience of the world is worth anything
 If, then, I am asked
 If, then, I should here rest my cause
 If there be any among us
 If there be one lesson more than another
 If this be so
 If this seems doubtful to any one
 If, unhappily, the day should ever come
 If we accept at all the argument
 If we are not blind to
 If we are rightly informed
 If we are to reason on the fact
 If we cast our glance back
 If we embark upon a career
 If we had the whole case before us
 If we isolate ourselves
 If we may trust to experience
 If we pursue a different course
 If we pursue our inquiries through
 If we sincerely desire
 If we survey
 If we would not be beguiled
 If what has been said is true
 If you remain silent
 If you seek the real meaning of
 If you think for a moment

If you want to look
If you were asked to point out
If you will allow me to prophesy
If you will forgive me the expression
If you wish for a more interesting example
If you wish to get at the bottom of facts
If you would see the most conclusive proof
If your view is right
In a significant paragraph
In a wider sense
In a word, gentlemen
In a word, I conceive
In actual life, I suspect
In addition to these arguments
In addressing myself to the question
In addressing you I feel
In agreement with this obvious conclusion
In all ages of the world
In all or any of these views
In all times and places
In an unguarded moment
In answering the inquiry
In any view of the case
In closing my speech, I ask each of you
In conclusion, let me say
In conclusion, may I repeat
In consequence it becomes a necessity
In contemplating the causes
In days to come
In examining this part of the subject
In fine, it is no extravagance to say
In former ages and generations
In further illustration

In further proof of my assertion
In illustration of what I have said
In like manner are to be explained
In like manner I would advise
In listening to the kind words
In looking about me
In many instances
In meeting this difficulty, I will not urge
In most cases I hold
In my estimation
In my humble opinion
In my view
In offering to you these counsels
In one other respect
In one point I wish no one to mistake **me**
In one sense this is undoubtedly true
In order to appreciate the force of
In order to complete the proof
In order to do justice to the question
In order to prove plainly and intelligibly
In order to realize adequately
In other words
In our estimate of the past
In point of fact
In precisely the same way
In pursuance of these views
In pursuing the great objects
In regard to
In rising to return my sincere thanks
In saying all of this, I do not forget
In saying this, I am not disposed to **deny**
In short, I say
In solving this difficulty

In something of a parallel way
In spite of the fact
In such cases, strictly speaking
In support of this assertion
In that matchless epitome
In that mood of high hope
In the anomalies of fortune
In the course of these remarks
In the existing circumstances
In the first place, therefore, I consider
In the first place we see
In the first place, we should be all agreed
In the fullest sense
In the fulness of time
In the last suggestion
In the meantime I will commend to you
In the next place, be assured
In the presence of this vast assembly
In the present situation
In the progress of events
In the remarks I have made
In the same manner I rely
In the second place it is quite clear
In the suggestion I have made
In the very brief space at our disposal
In these extraordinary circumstances
In these sentiments I agree
In this brief survey
In this connection, I may be permitted to refer
In this connection I remind myself
In this necessarily brief and imperfect review
In this rapid and slight enumeration
In this respect

In this sense only
In this there is no contradiction
In very many instances
In very truth
In view of these reflections
In what has now been said
In what I have now further to say
In widening our view
Indeed, can any one tell me
Indeed, I am not convinced
Indeed, I can not do better
Indeed, I have heard it whispered
Indeed, I may fairly say
Indeed, it will generally be found
Indeed we know
Instances abound
Is it logically consistent
Is it not legitimate to recognize
Is it not marvelous
Is it not obvious
Is it not quite possible
Is it not, then, preposterous
Is it not universally recognized
Is it not wise to argue
Is it possible, can it be believed
Is it, then, any wonder
Is not that the common sentiment
Is there any evidence here
Is there any language of reproach
Is there any possibility of mistaking
Is there any reason in the world
It affords me gratification
It also pleases me very much

It amounts to this
It appears from what has been said
It appears to me, on the contrary
It can rightly be said
It certainly follows, then
It comes to this
It could not be otherwise
It does not necessarily follow
It exhibits a state of mind
It follows as a matter of course
It follows inevitably
It gives us an exalted conception
It grieves me to relate
It hardly fits the character
It has at all times been a just reproach
It has been a very great pleasure for me
It has been generally assumed
It has been justly objected
It has been my privilege
It has been suggested fancifully
It has been well said
It has ever been my ambition
It has struck me very forcibly
It is a circumstance of happy augury
It is a common error
It is a curious trait
It is a fact well known
It is a falsehood to say
It is a familiar charge against
It is a good augury of success
It is a great pleasure to me
It is a living truth
It is a matter of absorbing interest

It is a matter of amusement
 It is a matter of fact
 It is a matter of just pride
 It is a melancholy story
 It is a memory I cherish
 It is a mischievous notion
 It is a mistake to suppose
 It is a most extraordinary thing
 It is a most pertinent question
 It is a noble thing
 It is a peculiar pleasure to me
 It is a perversion of terms
 It is a pleasing peculiarity
 It is a popular idea
 It is a rare privilege
 It is a recognized principle
 It is a remarkable and striking **fact**
 It is a strange fact
 It is a sure sign
 It is a theme too familiar
 It is a thing commonly said
 It is a touching reflection
 It is a true saying
 It is a very significant fact
 It is a vision which still inspires **us**
 It is a wholesome symptom
 It is, all things considered, a **fact**
 It is all very fine to think
 It is all very well to say
 It is almost proverbial
 It is also possible
 It is also probably true
 It is always pleasant to respond

It is amazing how little
It is an easy matter
It is an egregious mistake
It is an established rule
It is an incredible thing
It is an interesting fact
It is an unforgivable offense
It is an unquestionable truth
It is appropriate that we should celebrate
It is asserted
It is assumed as an axiom
It is at once inconsistent
It is but fair to say
It is but too true
It is by no means my design
It is certainly especially pleasant
It is certainly remarkable
It is common in these days to lament
It is commonly assumed
It is comparatively easy
It is curious sophistry
It is curious to observe
It is desirable for us
It is difficult for me to respond fitly
It is difficult to avoid saying
It is difficult to describe
It is difficult to overstate
It is difficult to put a limit
It is difficult to surmise
It is doubtful whether
It is easy enough to add
It is easy to instance cases
It is easy to understand

It is eminently proper
 It is every man's duty to think
 It is evident that the answer to this
 It is evidently supposed by many people
 It is exceedingly gratifying to hear
 It is exceedingly unfortunate
 It is fair that you should hear
 It is fair to suppose
 It is far from me to desire
 It is fatal to suppose
 It is fitting
 It is for me to relate
 It is for others to illustrate
 It is for this reason
 It is for us to ask
 It is greatly assumed
 It is gratifying to have the honor
 It is hardly for me
 It is hardly necessary to pass judgment
 It is idle to think of
 It is immaterial whether
 It is impossible to avoid saying
 It is in every way appropriate
 It is in the highest degree worthy
 It is in this characteristic
 It is in vain
 It is in your power to give
 It is indeed a strange doctrine
 It is indeed not a little remarkable
 It is indeed true
 It is indeed very clear
 It is indispensable to have
 It is interesting and suggestive

It is interesting to know
It is just so far true
It is likewise necessary
It is made evident
It is manifest
It is manifestly absurd to say
It is merely common sense to say
It is more than probable
It is my agreeable duty
It is my belief
It is my earnest wish
It is my grateful duty to address you
It is my hope
It is my present purpose
It is natural to ask the question
It is necessary to refer
It is necessary to take some notice
It is needful to a complete understanding
It is needless before this audience to repeat
It is no doubt true
It is no exaggeration to say
It is no part of my business
It is no significant thing
It is no small indication
It is no wonder
It is not a practical question
It is not altogether satisfactory
It is not an unknown occurrence
It is not by any means
It is not difficult to comprehend
It is not difficult to discern
It is not easy for me to find words
It is not enough to say

It is not entirely clear to **me**
It is not evident
It is not for me on this occasion
It is not given to many men
It is not likely that any of **you**
It is not logical to say
It is not my intention to enter **into**
It is not my purpose to discuss
It is not necessarily true
It is not necessary for me even to **sketch**
It is not necessary for our purpose
It is not often in these modern days
It is not ours to pronounce
It is not out of place to remind **you**
It is not possible to recount
It is not quite clear
It is not to me so very surprising
It is not too much to say
It is not unknown to you
It is not within the scope of this **address**
It is now high time for me
It is now perfectly plain
It is observable enough
It is obvious
It is of course difficult
It is of great importance to **show**
It is of no moment
It is of very little importance
It is often remarked
It is on these grounds
It is one of the burning questions of the **day**
It is one of the most natural visions
It is one of the most significant things

It is one of the queerest freaks of fate
It is only a few short years since
It is only just to say
It is our duty to examine
It is ours to bear witness
It is owing to this truth
It is peculiarly befitting at this time
It is perfectly apparent
It is pitiable to reflect
It is pleasant to meet this brilliant **company**
It is rather a pleasant coincidence
It is rather an arduous task
It is rather startling
It is related
It is ridiculous to say
It is said, and I think said truly
It is said to be impossible
It is satisfactory to notice
It is scarcely necessary to insist
It is scarcely questioned
It is self-evident
It is sometimes hard to determine
It is still an open question
It is still more surprising
It is substantially true
It is surely necessary for **me**
It is the clear duty of
It is the doctrine of
It is the fashion to extol
It is the universal testimony
It is therefore evident
It is therefore necessary
It is this which lies at the foundation

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It is to be expected
It is to be remembered
It is to me a very sincere satisfaction
It is told traditionally
It is too plain to be argued
It is true
It is unnecessary for me to remind **you**
It is upon this line of reasoning
It is very common to confuse
It is very doubtful whether
It is very interesting and pleasant
It is well known
It is with great pleasure
It is with pity unspeakable
It is within the memory of men now living
It is worth while to notice
It may appear absurd
It may at first sight seem strange
It may be added
It may be conjectured
It may be imagined
It may be plausibly objected
It may be rightly said
It may be useful to trace
It may be worth your while to keep in **view**
It may indeed be unavoidable
It may not be altogether certain
It may not be uninteresting to any of **you**
It may or may not be true
It may, perhaps, seem wonderful
It may seem a little strange
It may still more probably be said
It must be a cause of delight

It must be borne in mind
It must be the verdict of history
It must create astonishment
It must doubtless be admitted
It must ever be recollected
It must never be forgotten
It must not be supposed
It must seem to every thoughtful man
It needs scarcely be said
It now becomes my pride and privilege
It only remains now to speak
It ought to animate us
It proves a great deal
It remains only to speak briefly
It remains that I inform you of
It remains that I should say a few words
It reminds me of an anecdote
It reminds one of the compliment
It requires no effort of imagination
It scarcely seems to be in keeping
It seems almost desperate to think of
It seems almost incredible
It seems now to be generally admitted
It seems strange to be told
It seems then that on the whole
It seems to me a striking circumstance
It seems to me idle to ask
It seems to me singularly appropriate
It seems to me the primary foundation
It seems to me unphilosophical
It should always be borne in mind
It should be remembered
It so happens

It sometimes seems to me
 It still remains to be observed
 It strikes me with wonder
 It suggests at the outset
 It summons our imagination
 It surely is not too much to **expect**
 It therefore astonishes me
 It used to be a reproach
 It was a brilliant answer
 It was a fine and delicate rebuke
 It was a fit and beautiful circumstance
 It was a propitious circumstance
 It was certainly a gracious act
 It was in the full understanding
 It was my good fortune
 It was not to be expected
 It was said by one who ought to know
 It was, therefore, inevitable
 It was under these circumstances
 It will appeal to
 It will appear from what has been said
 It will be asked me how
 It will be easy to say too much
 It will be easy to trace the influence
 It will be evident to you
 It will be idle to imply
 It will be interesting to trace
 It will be just as reasonable to say
 It will be rather to our advantage
 It will be recollected
 It will be seen at a glance
 It will be well and wise
 It will carry out my meaning more **fully**

It will, I suppose, be denied
It will not be expected from me
It will not be safe
It will not do for a man to say
It will not, I trust, be concluded
It will not surely be objected
It will not take many words to sum up
It will thus be seen
It would be a misfortune
It would be a proud distinction
It would be a very remarkable fact
It would be absurd to pretend
It would be an inexcusable omission
It would be idle for me
It would be imprudent in me
It would be invidious for me
It would be natural on such an occasion
It would be no less impracticable
It would be out of place here
It would be preposterous to say
It would be presumptuous in me
It would be the height of absurdity
It would be unfair to praise
It would be unjust to deny
It would be well for us to reflect
It would indeed be unworthy
It would seem perhaps most fitting

J

Just the reverse is true

L

Language is inadequate to voice my appreciation
Lastly, I do not understand

Lastly, it can not be denied
Less than this could not be said
Lest I should be accused of quibbling
Let all of us labor in this work
Let any one imagine to himself
Let any one who doubts
Let every one consider
Let it be clearly understood, I repeat it
Let it be remembered
Let it not be objected
Let it not be supposed that I impute
Let me add another thing
Let me add my final word
Let me add one other hint
Let me also say a word in regard
Let me answer these questions
Let me ask you to imagine
Let me ask your leave to propose
Let me be allowed to devote a few words
Let me call attention to another fact
Let me commend to you
Let me direct your attention now to
Let me entreat you to examine
Let me give one more instance
Let me give one parting word
Let me give you an illustration
Let me here make one remark
Let me here say
Let me hope that I have said enough
Let me illustrate again
Let me make myself distinctly understood
Let me make use of an illustration
Let me not be thought offensive

Let me now conclude with
Let me once more urge upon you
Let me protest against the manner
Let me quite temperately defend
Let me rather make the supposition
Let me say a practical word
Let me simply declare
Let me tell you an interesting reminiscence
Let me thank you once more
Let me urge you earnestly
Let no man congratulate himself
Let our conception be enlarged
Let our object be
Let that question be answered by
Let the facts be granted
Let these instances suffice
Let this be the record made
Let this inspire us with abhorrence of
Let us approach the subject from another side
Let us attempt a survey
Let us be perfectly just
Let us be quite practical
Let us bear perpetually in mind
Let us begin at the beginning
Let us begin by examining
Let us briefly review
Let us brush aside once for all
Let us cherish
Let us confirm our opinion
Let us consider for a moment
Let us devote ourselves
Let us discard all prejudice
Let us do all we can

Let us draw an illustration
Let us endeavor to understand
Let us enumerate
Let us figure to ourselves
Let us for the moment put aside
Let us get a clear understanding
Let us heed the voice
Let us hope and believe
Let us hope that future generations
Let us imitate
Let us inquire also
Let us labor and pray
Let us likewise remember
Let us look briefly at a few particulars
Let us look nearer home
Let us not be fearful
Let us not be misled
Let us not be misunderstood
Let us not flatter ourselves
Let us not for a moment forget
Let us not limit our view
Let us now apply the views presented
Let us now consider the characteristics
Let us now see the results
Let us now turn our consideration
Let us observe this analogy
Let us pass on to another fact
Let us pause a moment
Let us push the inquiry yet further
Let us rather listen to
Let us reflect how vain
Let us remember this
Let us remind ourselves

Let us resolve
Let us scrutinize the facts
Let us suppose, for argument's sake
Let us suppose the case to be
Let us take, for instance
Let us, then, be assured
Let us, then, be worthy of
Let us, therefore, say once for all
Let us try to form a mental picture
Let us turn to the contemplation of
Let your imagination realize
Like all citizens of high ideals
Likely enough
Little wonder therefore
Long have I been convinced
Look at it in another way
Look at some of these questions
Look at the situation

M

Mainly, I believe
Making allowances for differences of opinion
Many of us have had the good fortune
Many of you, perhaps, recollect
May I ask you to believe
May I not speak here
May I try to show that every effort
May I venture to suggest
May it not also be advanced
May the day come quickly
Meantime it is encouraging to think
Meanwhile let us freely recognize
Men are in the habit of saying
Men are telling us nowadays

Men everywhere testify
 More and more it is felt
 More than once have I had to **express**
 More than this need not be said
 Moreover, I have insisted
 Moreover, I would counsel you
 Moreover, when we pass judgment
 Much has been said and written about
 My appreciation has been quickened
 My belief, therefore, is
 My duty is to endeavor to show
 My experience tells me
 My first duty is to express to you
 My friends, do you really believe
 My friends, I propose
 My heart tells me
 My idea, therefore, is
 My last criticism upon
 My mind is not moved by
 My mind most perfectly acquiesces
 My next objection is
 My own private opinion is
 My present business is
 My regret is intensified by the thought

N

Nay, I boldly say
 Nay, it will be a relief to my mind
 Nay, there is a general feeling
 Need I say that I mean
 Neither should you deceive
 Never before have I so strongly felt
 Never can I cease to feel

Never did there devolve
Never for a moment believe
Never have I felt so forcibly
Never was a weaker defense attempted
Never was there a greater mistake
Never was there an instance
Nevertheless we can admit
Next, from what has been said it is plain
Next, I consider
Next, it will be denied
No argument can overwhelm a fact
No defense is to be found
No distinct test can be named
No doubt, in the first instance
No doubt there are many questions
No doubt to most of us
No finer sentence has come down to us
No greater service could be rendered
No longer do we believe
No man regrets more than I do
No one can feel this more strongly
No one can, I think, pretend
No one can see the end
No one here, I am sure
No one, I suppose, would say
No one, I think, can fail to observe
No one, I think, will dispute the statement
No one need to exaggerate
No one will accuse me
No true man ever believes
None can have failed to observe
Nor am I disparaging or discouraging
Nor can I forget either

Nor can it justly be said
Nor can we afford to waste time
Nor can we forget how long
Nor can we now ask
Nor do I believe
Nor do I doubt
Nor do I pretend
Nor do I think there can be found
Nor does it matter much
Nor has there been wanting
Nor indeed am I supposing
Nor is it a fair objection
Nor is it probable
Nor is this all
Nor let me forget to add here
Nor must I be understood as saying
Nor must it be forgotten
Nor need we fear to speak
Nor should any attempt be made
Nor will history fail to record
Nor will I enlarge on the matter
Not at all
Not only so
Not that I quarrel with
Nothing but the deepest sense
Nothing can be further from the truth
Nothing could be clearer
Nothing could be more striking
Nothing is more common in the world
Nothing that you can do
Notwithstanding all that has been said
Notwithstanding all this, I hold
Now, bear with me when I say

Now comes the question
Now, comparing these instances together
Now, from these instances it is plain
Now, having spoken of
Now, I admit
Now, I am far from denying
Now, I am far from undervaluing
Now, I am justified in calling this
Now, I am obliged to say
Now, I do not wish you to believe
Now, I have a closing sentence or two
Now, I pass on to consider
Now, I shall not occupy your time
Now, I understand the argument
Now, I will undertake to say
Now, I wish to call your attention
Now, if you will clearly understand
Now, is there any ground or basis for
Now, it is an undoubted fact
Now, it is evident
Now, it is not at all strange
Now, it is unquestioned
Now, let me speak with the greatest care
Now, let me stop a moment
Now, let us consider
Now, observe, my drift
Now, sir, I am truly horrified
Now, the answer we should give
Now, the question here at issue
Now, the world will say
Now, there is a close alliance between
Now, this is precisely the danger
Now, this is to some extent

Now, understand me definitely
 Now, we do not maintain
 Now, we will inquire
 Now, what I want you to realize
 Now, with regard to
 Now, you will allow me to state
 Now, you will understand from this

O

Observe again
 Occasionally you ought to read
 Of course I am aware
 Of course I am putting an impossible case
 Of course I can not be taken to mean
 Of course I do not maintain
 Of course I do not stop here
 Of course I would not allow
 Of course much may be said
 Of course these remarks hold good
 Of course we may, if we please
 Of course you will sympathize
 Of one thing, however, I am certain
 Of this briefly
 Of this statement I will only say
 Of this truth I shall convince you by
 On a review of the whole subject
 On occasions of this kind
 On such a day as this
 On the contrary, I am assuming
 On the occasion to which I refer
 On the other hand, it is clear
 On the whole, then, I observe
 On this auspicious occasion

On this point I do not mean to dwell
On this subject you need not suspect
Once again, there are those
Once more I emphasize
Once more let me try to put into words
One additional remark
One almost wishes
One can not decline to note
One concluding remark has to be made
One fact is clear and indisputable
One further word
One important topic remains
One is fairly tempted to wish
One lesson history may be said to repeat
One might be challenged to produce
One of the ancients said
One of the most commonly known
One of the most extraordinary incidents
One of the things I recollect with most pride
One of these signs is the fact
One or two points are made clear
One other circumstance
One other remark suggests itself
One remark I will make
One thing more will complete this question
One thing which always impressed me
One very striking tendency
One word in courtesy I must say
One word more in a serious vein
One would naturally suppose
Only so much do I know
Opinions are divided as to whether
Or to come nearer home

Or to take but one other example
 Ordinarily speaking, such deductions
 Others may hold other opinions
 Ought we not to think
 Our thoughts wander back
 Over and above all this

P

Pardon me if
 Perhaps another reason why
 Perhaps, however, in speaking to you
 Perhaps, however, some among you will be
 Perhaps I may be best able to illustrate
 Perhaps I ought to say
 Perhaps it may be doubted
 Perhaps, sir, I am mistaken in
 Permit me frankly to say
 Permit me to add another circumstance
 Permit me to bring home to you
 Personally, I am far too firm a believer
 Pray, sir, let me say

R

Read but your history aright
 Recollect, sir
 Reflections such as these
 Rely upon it
 Remember, I do not seek to
 Remembering some past occurrences
 Returning, then, to the consideration

S

Seriously, then, do I beg you
 Shall I tell you
 Shall we complain

Should there be objection, I answer
Since, then, it is provided
Since, then, this is the case
Sir, with all my heart, I respond
So accustomed are we
So at least it seems to me
So far as I know
So far as my observation and experience goes
So far in general
So I say to you
So it comes to pass
So long as we continue to love truth and duty
So men are asking
So much at first sight
So much on this subject
So that I may venture to say
So that if you were persuaded
So then ought we also
So, to add one other example
So, too, I may go on to speak
So when I hear people say
Some have insisted
Some of you can recall the time
Some of you may think this visionary
Some of you will remember
Some one will perhaps object
Some prejudice is attached
Some writer has said
Sometimes I venture to think
Sometimes it may happen
Speaking in this place
Startling as this may appear to you
Stating only the truth, I affirm

Still another encouraging fact
Still further
Still I can not part from my subject
Still I have generally found
Still I imagine you would consider it
Still I know what answer I can make **to**
Still it may with justice be said
Still one thing more
Still we ought to be grateful
Strange as it may seem
Strictly in confidence, I do not think
Strictly speaking, there is no such thing
Such a doctrine is essentially superficial
Such are the rather tolerant ideas
Such considerations as these
Such, I believe, would be the consequences
Such illustrations are not frequent
Such, in brief, is the story
Such is steadfastly my opinion
Such is the deep prejudice now existing
Such is the intellectual view we take
Such is the lesson which I am taught
Such is the progress
Such is the truth
Such, sir, I conceive to be
Such, then, is the true idea
Such, too, is the characteristic **of**
Suffer me to point out
Suffice it to say here
Summing up what I have said
Suppose we turn our eyes to
Surely I do not misinterpret
Surely it is a paradox

Surely it is not too much for me to say

T

Take another instance
Take one of the most recent cases
Take the simple fact
Take this example
Taking a broader view
Taking the facts by themselves
That is a further point
That is a natural boast
That is a pure assumption
That is all that it seems necessary to me
That is all very good
That is far from my thoughts
That is final and conclusive
That is the lesson of history
That is the question of questions
That you may conceive the force of
The answer is easy to find
The answer is ready
The belief is born of the wish
The broad principle which I would lay down
The circumstances under which we meet
The climax of my purpose in this address
The common consent of civilized mankind
The conclusion is irresistible
The confusing assertion is sometimes made
The day is at hand
The decided objection is raised
The doctrine I am combating
The doctrine is admirable
The effect too often is

The evolution of events has brought
 The fact has made a deep impression **on me**
 The fact has often been insisted
 The fact to be particularly noted
 The facts are clear and unequivocal
 The facts may be strung together
 The first business of every man
 The first counsel I would offer
 The first great fact to remember **is**
 The first point to be ascertained
 The first practical thought is
 The first remarkable instance was
 The first thing I wish to note
 The first thing that we have to consider
 The future historian will, no doubt
 The generous feeling that has promoted **you**
 The great mass of the people
 The hour is at hand
 The illustration is analogous
 The important thing is
 The instance I shall choose
 The irresistible tendency of
 The kindness with which I have been **received**
 The last and distinguishing feature is
 The latest inclination I have seen
 The lesson which we should **take most to heart**
 The main cause of all this
 The more you examine this matter
 The most concise tribute paid
 The most reasonable anticipation
 The most remarkable step forward
 The most striking characteristic
 The most sublime instance that I know

The next point is
The next question to be considered is
The next thing I consider indispensable
The occasion that calls us together
The one central difference between
The only course that remains open
The only plea to be offered
The other day I observed
The paramount consideration is
The perils that beset us here
The pleasing duty is assigned me
The point I have urged upon you is
The point I wish a little further to speak of
The point to which I shall call your attention
The popular notion is
The practical inference from all this
The presence of this brilliant assemblage
The pressing question is
The prevalent opinion, no doubt
The proof of this statement is to be found
The question is deeply involved
The question, then, recurs
The remedy I believe to be
The result, I fancy, has been
The result of the whole
The rule will always hold good
The sacred voice of inspiration
The same is true in respect of
The scene all comes back
The sentiment to which I am to respond
The sentiment which you have expressed
The simple rule and test
The simple truth is

The soundness of this doctrine depends
The strongest proof I have
The subject of the evening's address
The subject which has been assigned to me
The task has been placed in my hands
The testimony of history is
The theory seems at first sight
The thought with which I shall close
The time has manifestly now arrived
The time is not far distant
The time is now come for me
The times are full of signs and warnings
The toast I am about to propose to you
The vain wish has sometimes been indulged
The view I have been enforcing
The view is more misleading
The warmth and kindness of your reception
The welcome that has been extended to me
The whole story of civilization
Then again, in corroboration
Then again, when men say
Then take the other side of the argument
Then the question arises
Then there is another story
Then, too, it must be remembered
There are certain old truths
There are few spectacles
There are hopeful signs of
There are, I believe, many who think
There are, indeed, exceptions
There are, indeed, persons who profess
There are many educated and intelligent people
There are people in every community

There are several reasons why
There are some slight modifications
There are some who are fond of looking at
There are some who have an idea
There are those of us who can remember
There are those who wish
There are two conflicting theories
There can be but one answer
There can be no doubt
There has been a great deal of discussion lately
There has been no period of time
There have been differences of opinion
There is a characteristic saying
There is a class of person
There is a common saying
There is a conviction
There is a degree of evidence
There is a genuine grief
There is a great deal of rash talking
There is a growing disposition
There is a large class of thinkers
There is a lesson of profound interest
There is a more important question
There is a most serious lesson
There is a multitude of facts
There is a question of vital importance
There is a very common tendency
There is a vital difference of opinion
There is an analogy in this respect
There is an ancient story to the effect
There is an eternal controversy
There is another class of men
There is another factor

There is another object equally important
 There is another point of view
 There is another remarkable analogy
 There is another sense in which
 There is, at any rate, to be said
 There is but one consideration
 There is certainly no reason
 There is hardly any limit
 There is, however, another opinion
 There is, however, one caution
 There is little truth in
 There is no field of human activity
 There is no good reason
 There is no justification for
 There is no mistaking the purpose
 There is no more insidious peril
 There is no more striking exemplification
 There is no occasion to exaggerate
 There is no page of history
 There is no sense in saying
 There is no worse perversion
 There is not a shadow of evidence
 There is nothing more repulsive
 There is nothing overstated in this description
 There is nothing to show
 There is one story which it is said
 There is only one sense in which
 There is some difference of opinion
 There is something strangely interesting
 There is yet another distinction
 There is yet one other remark
 There ought certainly to be
 There was but one alternative

There was one remarkable incident
There will always be a number of men
There will be no difficulty
There yet remains
Therefore, there is no possibility of a doubt
Therein lies your responsibility
These alone would not be sufficient
These are enough to refute the opinion
These are general counsels
These are generalizations
These are my reasons for
These are points for consideration
These considerations have great weight with me
These exceptions do not hold in the case of
These ideas naturally present themselves
These instances are far from common
These instances are indications
These last words lead me to say
These objections only go to show
These questions I shall examine
These various partial views
They mistake the intelligence
They would persuade you to
Think for a moment
Think of the cool disregard
This absurdity arises
This appeal to the common sense
This argument is especially cogent
This, at least, is sure
This being the case
This being true
This being undeniable, it is plain
This being understood, I ask

This brings me to a single remark

This brings us to a subject

This episode goes to prove

This fact was soon made manifest

This from the nature of the case

This I conceive to be the business

This I consider to be my own case

This I have told you

This is a general statement

This is a very one-sided conception

This is a very serious situation

This is an astonishing announcement

This is conceded by

This is contrary to all argument

This is doubtless the truth

This is especially the case

This is essentially an age of

This is in the main just

This is like saying

This is not all

This is not the main point of objection

This is not the occasion or the place

This is obvious

This is on the whole reasonable

This is only another illustration of

This is owing in great measure to

This is precisely what we ought to do

This is said in no spirit of

This is suggested to us

This is the design and intention

This is the great fact

This is the main point on which the inquiry turns

This is the meaning of

This is the obvious answer
This is the point I want to impress upon you
This is the point of view
This is the position of our minds
This is the radical question
This is the sentiment of mankind
This is the starting-point
This is the sum
This is to be found in the fact
This is what I am led to say
This is what may be objected
This is why I take the liberty
This language is plain
This leads me to the question
This leads us to inquire
This may be said without prejudice
This might be illustrated at length
This much is certain
This sentiment was well-nigh universal
This, surely, is the conclusion
This, then, is the answer
This, then, is the drift of my illustration
This, then, is what I mean by saying
This will be evident at once
This you can not deny
Those who have watched the tendencies
Thus a great deal may be done
Thus analogy suggests
Thus far, I willingly admit
Thus I am led on to another remark
Thus if you look into
Thus instances occur now and then
Thus it comes to pass

Thus my imagination tells me
Thus much, however, I may say
Thus much I may be allowed to say
Thus much may be sufficient to recall
Thus we see
Time would not permit me
To a man of the highest public spirit
To avoid all possibility of being misunderstood
To be more explicit
To be sure, we sometimes hear
To bring the matter nearer home
To convince them of this
To feel the true force of this argument
To illustrate
To make my story quite complete
To me, however, it would appear
To my way of conceiving such matters
To prevent misapprehension
To some it may sound like a paradox
To sum up all that has been said
To sum up in one word
To take a very different instance
To the conclusion thus drawn
To the enormous majority of persons
To these general considerations
To this I answer
To this it will be replied
To what other cause can you ascribe
To-day, as never before
Treading close upon the heels
Tried by this standard
True it is
True, there are difficulties

Truly it is a subject for astonishment
Two things are made very clear

U

Under all the circumstances
Under these favoring conditions
Under this head
Undoubtedly we may find
Unfortunately it is a truth
Unless I could be sure
Up to this moment I have stated

V

Very strange is this indeed

W

We all agree as to
We all feel the force of the maxim
We all in equal sincerity profess
We almost shudder when we see
We are accustomed to lay stress upon
We are all familiar with
We are approaching an era
We are apt to forget
We are assembled here to-day
We are beginning to realize
We are bound to give heed
We are constantly being told
We are fulfilling what I believe to be
We are in the habit of saying
We are met to-night
We are not able to prove
We are not disinterested
We are quite unable to speculate
We are told emphatically

We are tolerably certain
We believe with a sincere belief
We can but pause to contemplate
We can imagine the amazement of
We can not but be struck with
We can not escape the truth
We can not have this too deeply fixed
We can not too highly honor the temper of
We can not wonder
We can only applaud the sentiment
We can only bow with awe
We can presume
We can remember with pride
We can see to some extent
We continually hear nowadays
We deeply appreciate the circumstances of
We do not quarrel with those
We do not question the reality
We do well to recall
We easily persuade ourselves
We feel keenly about such things
We grope blindly along
We have a firm assurance
We have a right to claim
We have an overpowering sense
We have been accustomed to
We have been told by more than one
We have come together to-night
We have great reason to be thankful
We have heard lately
We have here plain proof
We have need to examine
We have no means of knowing

We have no other alternative
We have not yet solved the **problem**
We have sought on this occasion
We have the evidence of this
We have the good fortune to-night
We have to admit
We have witnessed on many occasions
We hear it is said sometimes
We hear no complaint
We heartily wish and mean
We hold fast to the principle
We laugh to scorn the idea
We may all of us agree
We may be permitted to **remember**
We may contemplate with satisfaction.
We may have a deep consciousness
We may indeed consider
We may not know precisely how
We must also look
We must constantly direct our **purpose**
We must not be deceived
We must not mistake
We must realize conscientiously
We must remember
We need no proof to assure us
We need not look far for **reasons**
We need not trouble ourselves
We of this generation
We often hear persons say
We ought in strict propriety
We pride ourselves upon the **fact**
We rightly pay all honor
We see in a variety of ways

We shall all doubtless concede
We shall be blind not to perceive
We shall do well to remember
We shall have no difficulty in determining
We should be convinced
We should contemplate and compare
We should dread nothing so much
We should lend our influence
We should not question for a moment
We should not, therefore, question
We stand astonished at
We stumble and falter and fall
We take it for granted
We will not stop to inquire
Weighty as these conditions are
Well, gentlemen, it must be confessed
Well may we explain
Well, now, let us propose
Well, that being the case, I say
Were I to enter into a detailed description
Were I to speculate
What are the precise characteristics
What are we to think of
What are you going to do
What can avail
What can be more intelligible
What can be more monstrous than
What can I say better
What commonly happens is this
What could be more captivating
What could be more true
What do we gain by
What do we understand to have been

What I mean is this
What I now say is
What I object to is
What I propose to do is
What I shall actually attempt to show **here**
What I suggest is
What is more important
What is more remarkable
What is the pretext
What is this but to say
What more shall I say
What remains but to wish you
What strikes the mind so forcibly
What, then, are we to believe
What, then, can be the reason
What, then, I may be asked
What, then, is the use
What, then, was the nature of
What was the consequence of
What we are concerned to know **is**
What we have most to complain of
What would you say
Whatever a man thinks
Whatever difference of opinion may **exist**
Whatever opinion I may express
Whatever the truth may be
When I am told
When I hear it said
When I remember the history
When I review these circumstances
When I speak of this question
When I thus profess myself
When one remembers

When we consider the vastness
When we contemplate
When we get so far as this
When we look closely at
When will men understand
When you are assured
When you did me the honor to invite **me**
Whence it is, I say
Whence was the proof to come
While acknowledging the great value
While I feel most keenly the honor
While I have hinted to you
Whilst I am on this matter
Who can deny the effect
Who can say in a word
Who does not like to see
Who has not felt the contrast
Who that reads does not see
Who will accuse me
Why, again, should I take notice
Why need you seek to **disprove**
Will any gentleman say
Will any one answer
Will it be whispered
Will it not be well for us
Will you allow me to present **to you**
Will you bear with me
Will you mistake this
Will you permit me to thank **you**
With all my heart I share
With possibly a single exception
With respect to what has been said
With this ideal clearly before us

With whatever opinions we come here
Without going into any details
Without my saying a word more

Y

Yet I am convinced
Yet I am willing to admit
Yet I am willing to conclude
Yet I feel quite free to say
Yet I, for one, do not hesitate to admit
Yet I have never been thoroughly satisfied
Yet I suppose it is worth while
Yet I would have to think
Yet if you were to ask the question
Yet it is instructive and interesting
Yet it is no less true
Yet it is perfectly plain
Yet let me consider what consequences **must**
Yet may I not remind you
You all know the history of
You and I are always contrasting
You are at a parting of the ways
You are now invited to do honor
You can never forget
You can not assert
You do not need to be told
You have all read the story
You have been gracious enough to assign **to me**
You have been mindful
You have been pleased to confer upon me
You have but to observe
You have done me **great honor**
You have no right

You have not forgotten
 You have often pondered over
 You have sometimes been astonished
 You know that it is impossible to
 You know the legend which has **grown up**
 You know very well
 You may also be assured
 You may be acquainted with
 You may be sure
 You may depend upon it
 You may remember
 You may well be proud
 You may well study the example
 You might apply to yourselves
 You must not forget
 You must understand I do not mean to **claim**
 You ought not to disregard what I say
 You remember how
 You will allow me to say with becoming **brevity**
 You will be pleased to hear
 You will bear me out when I say
 You will clearly understand
 You will expect me to say something **about**
 You will forgive me
 You will join with me, I trust
 You will observe
 You will pardon me, I am sure
 You will scarcely be surprised
 You would never dream of **urging**
 You yourselves are the evidence
 Your friendly and generous words
 Your good sense must tell you
 Your presence seems to say

SECTION XI

MISCELLANEOUS PHRASES

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A

- A bewildering labyrinth of facts
- A blank absence of interest or sympathy
- A bloodless diplomatist
- A breach of confidence
- A brilliant and paradoxical talker
- A burning sense of shame and horror
- A century of disillusionment
- A certain catholicity of taste
- A cheap and coarse cynicism
- A civilizing agency of conspicuous **value**
- A cleanness and probity of life
- A commendable restraint
- A condescending and patronizing spirit
- A confused and troublesome time
- A conscientious anxiety to do the right thing
- A conspicuous and crowning service
- A constant source of surprise and delight
- A contemptible species of mockery
- A convenient makeshift
- A copious torrent of pleasantry
- A course of arrogant obstinacy
- A crumb of consolation
- A crystallized embodiment of the **age**
- A cynical and selfish hedonist
- A dangerous varnish of refinement
- A dead theological dogma

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- A decorous and well-intentioned person
- A deep and most impressive solemnity
- A deep and strange suggestiveness
- A deep authentic impression of disinterestedness
- A dereliction of duty
- A disaster of the first magnitude
- A distorted and pessimistic view of life
- A dogmatic and self-righteous spirit
- A duel of brains
- A dull collocation of words
- A fastidious sense of fitness
- A fatal moral hollowiness
- A feeling of lofty remoteness
- A feminine excess of inconsequence
- A final and irrevocable settlement
- A firmness tempered by the most scrupulous courtesy
- A fitting interval for penitence
- A flippant rejoinder
- A flood of external impressions
- A flourish of rhetoric
- A fund of curious information
- A furtive groping after knowledge
- A gambler's desperate chance
- A ghastly mixture of defiance and conceit
- A glaring example of rapacity
- A graceful nonentity
- A great and many-sided personality
- A great capacity for generous indignation
- A great source of confusion
- A gross piece of stupidity
- A habit of riding a theory too hard
- A habit of rigorous definition
- A happy and compensating experience

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- A haughty self-assertion of equality
 - A hideous absurdity
 - A hideous orgy of massacre and **outrage**
 - A high pitch of eloquence
 - A homelike and festive aspect
 - A hopeless enigma
 - A hotbed of disturbance
 - A hushed rustle of applause testified to a widespread appro-
bation
 - A keenly receptive and inter self sensitive temperament
 - A kind of fantastic patchwork
 - A kind of surly reluctance
 - A laudable stimulus
 - A law of retributive justice
 - A less revolutionary innovation
 - A life of studious contemplation
 - A limpidity and lucidity of style
 - A lingering tinge of admiration
 - A lively sense of what is dishonorable
 - A long accumulating store of discontent **and unrest**
 - A long tangle of unavoidable detail
 - A look threatening and peremptory
 - A many-sided and far-reaching enthusiasm
 - A marvelous sharpener of the faculties
 - A melancholy preponderance of mischief
 - A memory-haunting phrase
 - A mercenary marriage
 - A mere conjectural estimate
 - A microscopic care in the search of words
 - A misconception which is singularly prevalent
 - A mixture of malignancy and madness
 - A **modicum of truth**
 - A monstrous travesty

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- A mood of hard skepticism
- A more than ordinary share of baseness and depravity
- A most laudable zeal
- A most repulsive and incomprehensible idiom
- A most unseasonable piece of impertinence
- A multitude of groundless alarms
- A murderous tenacity about trifles
- A mysterious and an intractable pestilence
- A mysterious and inscrutable power
- A narrow and superficial survey
- A nature somewhat frivolous and irresolute
- A needlessly offensive manner
- A nimble interchange of uninteresting gossip
- A noble and puissant nation
- A novel and perplexing course
- A numerous company
- A painful and disconcerting deformity
- A partial disenchantment
- A passage of extraordinary daring
- A patchwork of compromises
- A permanent and habitual state of mind
- A pernicious and growing tendency
- A perversion of judgment
- A phantom of the brain
- A piece of grotesque stupidity
- A pleasant flow of appropriate language
- A pompous failure
- A potential menace to life
- A powerful and persuasive orator
- A prevalent characteristic of her nature
- A prey to the tongue of the public
- A pristine vigor of style
- A profusion of compliments

- A proposition inherently vicious
- A puerile illusion
- A quenchless thirst for expression
- A rage akin to frenzy
- A rare precision of insight
- A rather desperate procedure
- A reckless fashion
- A recrudescence of superstition
- A relish for the sublime
- A reversion to the boldest paganism
- A rigid avoidance of extravagance and excess
- A ripple of applause
- A restraining and conservative force
- A robust and consistent application
- A sacred and indissoluble union
- A sane philosophy of life
- A secluded dreamer of dreams
- A secret and wistful charm
- A sense of deepening discouragement
- A sense of indescribable reverence
- A series of brief and irritating hopes
- A settled conviction of success
- A sharp difference of opinion
- A sharp pang of regretful surprise
- A shrewd eye to the main chance
- A signal deed of justice
- A skeptical suspension of judgment
- A slight and superficial tribute
- A slowly subsiding frenzy
- A snare and a delusion
- A somewhat complicated and abstruse calculation
- A sordid and detestable motive
- A sort of incredulous stupefaction

- A source of unfailing delight and wonder
- A species of moral usurpation
- A spirit inimical to learning
- A spirit of complacent pessimism
- A startling and unfortunate digression
- A state of scarcely veiled insurrection
- A state of urgent necessity
- A stern decree of fate
- A stern foe of snobbishness
- A storm of public indignation
- A strange mixture of carelessness, generosity, and caprice
- A strangely perverse and poverty stricken imagination
- A strong assumption of superiority
- A subjugated and sullen population
- A sudden revulsion
- A supposed ground of affinity
- A synonym for retrogression
- A taunting accusation of falsehood
- A tedious and needless drudgery
- A temper which brooked no resistance
- A temporary expedient
- A tender tone of remonstrance
- A theme of endless meditation
- A thing of moods and moments
- A thoroughly sincere and unaffected effort
- A thousand mangled delusions
- A tissue of dull excuses
- A tone of exaggerated solicitude
- A touch of exquisite pathos
- A trace of obvious sarcasm
- A transcript of the common conscience
- A trifle prim and puritanic
- A truth begirt with fire

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- A unique and overwhelming charm
 - A vague aversion
 - A variety of conflicting and profound emotions
 - A variety of enfeebling amendments
 - A vast multitude of facts
 - A vastly extended vision of opportunity
 - A vehement and direct attack
 - A very elusive and delicate thought
 - A very formidable problem
 - A vigilant reserve
 - A violent and base calumniator
 - A voice of matchless compass and eloquence
 - A warmth of seemingly generous indignations
 - A wealth of resource that seemed inexhaustible
 - A welcome release from besetting difficulties
 - A whole catalog of disastrous blunders
 - A whole whirlpool of various emotions
 - Abounding bodily vigor
 - Above and beyond and before all else
 - Absurd and inconsequential career
 - Abundant and congenial employment
 - Accidental rather than intentional
 - Accustomed to ascribe to chance
 - Acquired sentiments of propriety
 - Activities of the discursive intellect
 - Actuated by an unduly anxious desire
 - Acute sensibility coupled with quickness of intellect
 - Adhere too tenaciously to forms and modes
 - Admirable mastery of technique
 - Admit the soft impeachment
 - Admitted with a childlike cheerfulness
 - Advance by leaps and bounds
 - Advancing to dignity and honor

Adventitious aids to memory
 Affectation and superfluous ornament
 Aggravated to an unspeakable degree
 Agitated and perplexed by a dozen cross-currents of conflicting tendency
 Agreeable and humanizing intercourse
 Aided by strong mental endowments
 Airy swiftness of treatment
 Alien to the purpose
 All sorts of petty tyrannies
 All the resources of a burnished rhetoric
 Allied by taste and circumstances
 Allied with a marked imperiousness
 Almost incredible obtuseness
 Altogether monstrous and unnatural
 Always observant and discriminating
 Amaze and confound the imagination
 Amiable and indulgent hostess
 Amid many and pressing avocations
 Amid the homeliest details of daily life
 Amid the rush and roar of life
 Ample scope for the exercise of his astonishing gifts
 An abandoned and exaggerated grief
 An accidental encounter
 An act of folly amounting to wickedness
 An afternoon of painfully constrained behavior
 An agreeable image of serene dignity
 An air of artificial constraint
 An air of round-eyed profundity
 An alarmed sense of strange responsibilities
 An almost excessive exactness
 An almost sepulchral regularity and seclusion
 An ample and imposing structure

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- An apostle of unworldly ardor
 - An appreciable menace
 - An ardent and gifted youth
 - An arid dictum
 - An artful and malignant enemy
 - An assumption entirely gratuitous
 - An assumption which proved erroneous
 - An atmosphere of sunny gaiety
 - An attitude of passive impartiality
 - An authoritative and conclusive inquiry
 - An egregious assumption
 - An elaborate assumption of indifference
 - An endless field for discussion
 - An enervating and emasculating form of indulgence
 - An ennobling and invigorating influence
 - An entirely negligible quantity
 - An essentially grotesque and commonplace thing
 - An eternal and imperishable example
 - An exalted and chimerical sense of honor
 - An excess of unadulterated praise
 - An excessive refinement of feeling
 - An expression at once confident and appealing
 - An extensive and populous country
 - An habitual steadiness and coolness of reflection
 - An honest and unquestioning pride
 - An icy indifference
 - An idle and unworthy action
 - An ill-assorted vocabulary
 - An immeasurable advantage
 - An imminent and overmastering peril
 - An imperturbable demeanor and steadiness of mind
 - An implacable foe
 - An inborn and irresistible impulse

An incongruous spectacle
An incredible mental agility
An indefinable taint of priggishness
An indescribable frankness and simplicity of character
An indolent surrender to mere sensuous experience
An indomitable and unselfish soul
An ineradicable love of fun and mystification
An inevitable factor of human conduct
An inexhaustible copiousness and readiness of speech
An insatiable appetite for trifles
An insatiable voracity
An inscrutable mystery
An intentional breach of politeness
An interchange of civilities
An intolerable deal of guesswork
An involuntary gesture of remonstrance
An irrelevant bit of magniloquence
An irrepressible and impassioned hopefulness
An irritating and dangerous treatment
An itching propensity for argument
An object of indestructible interest
An obnoxious member of society
An ominous lull and silence
An open and violent rupture
An outburst of impassioned eloquence
An unaccountable feeling of antipathy
An unbecoming vehemence
An undisciplined state of feeling
An unerring sense of humor
An unparalleled and almost miraculous growth
An unparalleled atrocity
An unpatriotic and ignoble act

An unreasoning form of coercion
An utterly vile and detestable spirit
And now I address myself to my task
And the like
Announced in a tone of pious satisfaction
Another thought importuned him
Anticipated with lively expectation
Apparent rather than real
Appeal to a tardy justice
Appreciably above the level of mediocrity
Arbitrary assumption of power
Ardently and enthusiastically convinced
Argued with immense force and feeling
Arrayed with scrupulous neatness
Arrogance and untutored haughtiness
As an impartial bystander
As belated as they are fallacious
As by a secret of freemasonry
As odious as it is absurd
As ridiculous as it was unnecessary
As we scan the vague unknown
Assailed by poignant doubts
Assume a menacing attitude
Assumed almost heroic proportions
At once epigrammatic and arresting
At once misleading and infelicitous
At the mercy of small prejudices
Attained by rigorous self-restraint
Attended by insuperable difficulties
Averted by some happy stroke of fortune
Await the sentence of impartial posterity
Awaited with feverish anxiety

B

Bandied to and fro
Based on a fundamental error
Beguile the tedium of the journey
Bemoaning and bewailing his sad fortune
Beset with external dangers
Betrayed into deplorable error
Bewildering multiplication of details
Beyond the dreams of avarice
Blended with courage and devotion
Blind leaders of the blind
Blunt the finer sensibilities
Blustering desire for publicity
Bound up with impossibilities and absurdities
Breathed an almost exaggerated humility
Bred in the tepid reticence of propriety
Brief ventures of kindliness
Brilliant display of ingenious argument
Bring odium upon the individual
Brisk directness of speech
Brutal recognition of failure
Bursts of unpremeditated frankness
But delusions and phantasmagoria
But that is beside the mark
But this is a digression
By a curious perversity of fate
By a happy turn of thinking
By a whimsical diversion
By common consent
By means of crafty insinuations
By no means inconsolable
By temperament incompatible
By the common judgment of the thinking world

By the sheer centripetal force of sympathy
By virtue of a common understanding
By way of rejoinder

C

Calculated to create disgust
Calm strength and constancy
Capable of a severe scientific treatment
Capacity for urbanity and moderation
Carried into port by fair winds
Caught unawares by a base impulse
Ceaseless tramp of humanity
Censured for his negligence
Championing the cause of religious education
Chastened and refined by experience
Checked by the voice of authority
Cherished the amiable illusion
Cherishing a huge fallacy
Childishly inaccurate and absurd
Chivalrous loyalty and high forbearance
Clever and captivating eloquence
Coarse and glittering ostentation
Coherent and continuous trend of thought
Commended by perfect suavity
Common ground of agreement
Complicated and infinitely embittered
Conceded from a sense of justice
Conceived with imperfect knowledge
Concentrated and implacable resolve
Conditions of unspeakable humiliation
Conducive to well-being and efficiency
Confused rumblings presaging a different epoch
Constrained by the sober exercise of judgment
Consumed by a demon of activity

Continuous and stubborn disregard
 Contrary to the clearest conviction of his judgment
 Couched in terms of feigned devotion
 Credulous and emotionally extravagant
 Creed of incredulity and derision
 Criticized with unsparing vigor
 Crude undigested masses of suggestion
 Cruel and baseless calumnies
 Cynically repudiate all obligations

D

Daily usages and modes of thinking
 Dangerously near snobbery
 Darkly insinuating what may possibly happen
 Dazzled by their novelty and brilliance
 Debased by common use
 Deep essentials of moral grandeur
 Deeply engrossed in congenial work
 Deeply moved as well as keenly stung
 Deeply rooted in the heart of humanity
 Defiant of analysis and rule
 Degenerate into comparative feebleness
 Degenerated into deadness and formality
 Degrading and debasing curiosity
 Deliberate and cautious reflection
 Delicacy of perception and quick tact
 Delude many minds into acquiescence
 Dense to the point of stupidity
 Descanting on them cursorily
 Devices generally held to be discreditable
 Devious and perilous ways
 Devoid of hysteria and extravagance
 Dexterous modes of concealment

Dictated by an overweening partiality
Differ in degree only and not in kind
Difficult and abstruse questions
Diffidence overwhelmed him
Diffusing beneficent results
Dignified by deliberation and privacy
Dimly implying some sort of jest
Discreditable and insincere support
Disdaining the guidance of reason
Disenchanted effect of time and experience
Disfigured by glaring faults
Disguised in sentimental frippery
Dispel all anxious concern
Displayed enormous power and splendor
Distinguish themselves by their eccentricities
Distracted by contending desires
Diversity of mind and temperament
Divested of all personal feelings
Dogged and shameless beyond all precedent
Dominated by no prevailing taste or fashion
Doomed by inexorable fate
Doomed to impermanence and transiency
Draw back in distrust and misgiving
Dreaded and detested rival
Driven towards disaffection and violence
Due to historical perspective
Dull and trite commonplaces
Dwindled to alarmingly small dimensions

E

Easy-going to the point of lethargy
Elementary principles of right and wrong
Embittered and fanatical agitation

Encrusted with pedantry and prejudice
 Endless and intricate technicalities
 Endowed with undreamed-of powers
 Enforced by coercive measures
 Enormities of crime and anomalies of law
 Entangled in theological controversy
 Entirely futile and negligible
 Erroneous assumptions and sophistries
 Espoused with extraordinary ardor
 Essentially one-sided and incomplete
 Eternally fruitful and stimulating
 Evidently malicious and adroit
 Evinces a hardened conscience and an insensibility to shame
 Exact and resolute allegiance
 Examples of terrific and explosive energy
 Exasperating to the last degree
 Excruciating cruelty and injustice
 Exposed to damaging criticism
 Exposing his arrogance and folly to merited contempt
 Expressions of unrestrained grief
 Exquisite lucidity of statement
 Extraordinarily subtle and penetrating analysis
 Exuberant rush of words

F

Facile and fertile literary brains
 Faithfully and religiously eschewed
 Fallen into the convenient oblivion of the waste-basket
 Fanatical and dangerous excesses
 Far off and incredibly remote
 Fastidious correctness of form
 Fate had turned and twisted a thousand ways

Fed by many currents from the long stream of human
experience
Feigning a virtuous indignation
Fertility of argumentative resource
Fictitious and adventitious aid
Finely touched to the fine issues
Fit to stand the gaze of millions
Fits and starts of generosity
Fixed convictions of mankind
Flouted as impractical
Foolish and inflexible superstition
Fostering and preserving order
Free from all controversial pettifogging
Freighted with the most precious cargoes
Frequently recurring forms of awkwardness
Fresh and unsuspected loveliness
From the standpoint of expediency and effectiveness
Full and tuneful diction
Full of ardent affection and gratitude
Full of presentiments of some evil
Full of singular freshness, insight and power
Full of speculation and a deep restrained excitement
Fumble and stumble in helpless incapacity

G

Gain the applause of future ages
Generous to a pathetic and touching degree
Give vent to his indignation
Giving an ear to a little neighborly gossip
Glances and smiles of tacit contempt
Gnawing at the vitals of society
Grace and gentleness of manner
Graceful succession of sentences

Gratuitous and arbitrary meddling
Greeted with unalloyed satisfaction
Grooves of intellectual habit
Growing sense of bewilderment and dismay
Guilty and baffled antagonists

H

Habits of unintelligent routine
Habitual self-possession and self-respect
Happy and gracious willingness
Hard-souled and joyously joyous
Haunted by blank misgivings
He affected neither pomp nor grandeur
He became more blandly garrulous
He declined the proffered hospitality
He dropped into an eloquent silence
He eludes analysis and baffles description
He glanced at her indulgently
He had the habit of self-engrossed silences
He harbored his misgivings in silence
He poured bitter and biting ridicule on his discomfited opponents
He spoke with sledgehammer directness
He suffers nothing to draw him aside
He took his courage in both hands
He turned on me a glance of stored intelligence
He was disheveled and untidy
He was inexhaustibly voluble
Heavily freighted with erudition
Heights of serene contemplation
Her voice had a wooden resonance and a ghost of a lisp
Hidebound in official pedantry
High and undiscouraged hope

High-handed indifference to all restraint
His chin had too vanishing an aspect
His first zeal was flagging
His general attitude suggested an idea that he had an oration for you
His gestures and his gait were untidy
His mood was one of pure exaltation
His plea was irresistible
His tone verged on the ironical
His work was ludicrously perfunctory
Hopelessly belated in its appearance

I

I adjured him
I am not without a lurking suspicion
I bemoaned my unlucky fate
I could almost allege it as a supreme example
I have somewhat overshot the mark
I lost myself in a reverie of gratitude
I made bold to retort
I must hazard the story
I was extremely perplexed
I will permit myself the liberty of saying
I would fain believe
Illuminate with sinister effect
Immediate and effectual steps
Immense capacity for ceaseless progress
Immunity from criticism and control
Impartial and exacting judgment
Impatience of despotic influence
Impelled by strong conviction
Imperiled in a restless age
Imperious in its demands

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Impotent outbreaks of unreasoning rage
Impromptu parades of noisy patriotism
In a diversity of application
In a fever of apprehension
In a frenzy of fussy excitement
In a frowning abstraction
In a great and fruitful way
In a high degree culpable
In a kind of confused astonishment
In a most commendable fashion
In a most impressive vein
In a position of undisputed supremacy
In a rapture of imagined ecstasy
In a secret and surreptitious way
In a spirit of friendliness and conciliation
In a state of mulish reluctance
In a state of nervous exacerbation
In a state of virtuous complacency
In a tone of uneasy interrogation
In a transport of ambitious vanity
In a whirlwind of feeling and memory
In accents embarrassed and hesitating
In alliance with steady clearness of intellect
In amazed ejaculation
In an eminent and unique sense
In an eminent degree
In deference to a unanimous sentiment
In extenuation of the past
In high good humor
In his customary sententious fashion
In its most odious and intolerable shape
In language terse yet familiar
In moments of the most imminent peril

In quite incredible confusion
In seasons of difficulty and trial
In spite of plausible arguments
In terms of imperishable beauty
In the dim procession of years
In the highest conceivable degree
In the local phrase
In the nature of things
In the ordinarily accepted sense
In the realm of conjecture
In the scheme of things
In the tone of one who moralizes
In the twinkling of an eye
In the world of letters
In tones of genuine admiration
Incapable of flashy make-believe
Incited by a lust for gain
Incomparable lucidity and penetrativeness
Inconceivable clumsiness of organization
Indulge a train of gentle recollection
Indulging a sickly and nauseating petulance
Ineffably dreary and unpicturesque
Infected with a feverish dissatisfaction
Infuse a wholesome terror
Inimical to true and determined principle
Inimitable grace and felicity
Injudicious and inelegant ostentation
Innumerable and incessant creations
Inordinate greed and love of wealth
Insatiably greedy of recognition
Insensibility to moral perspective and proportion
Insolent and riotous excess
Inspired by a vague malevolence

Inspirited by approval and applause
Instances might be multiplied indefinitely
Instantly alive to the slightest breach of **decorum**
Insufferable violence to the feelings
Intense and stubborn dogmatism
Intense sensitiveness to injustice
Intercourse with polished society
Intervals of respite and repose
Inveigh against established customs
Invested with a partial authority
Inveterate forces of opposition
Invincible jealousy and hate
Involuntary thrill of gratified vanity
Involved in profound uncertainty
Involving ourselves in embarrassments
Inward appraisal and self-renouncement
Irregulated and desultory education
Irrelevant to the main issue
Irresistibly impelled by conscience
Irritable bitterness and angry suspicion
It assumes the shape of malignity
It betrays a great want of prudence and **discernment**
It defies description
It dissipates every doubt and scruple
It enslaves the imagination
It extorted from him expressions of irritability
It gives one a little grip at the throat
It has been stigmatized as irrelevant
It has more than passing interest
It has seldom been surpassed
It imposes no constraint
It is a capital blunder

It is a common error among ignorant people
It is a consoling reflection
It is a mark of great instability
It is a staggering thought
It is always something vicious
It is an odd jealousy
It is an intolerable idea
It is impossible to resist acknowledging this
It is little more than a platitude
It is not consistent with elevated and dignified character
It is not wholly insignificant
It is notoriously easy to exaggerate
It is the common consent of men
It is unnecessary to multiply instances
It makes life insupportable
It must be a matter of conjecture
It occasions suspicion and discontent
It runs counter to all established customs
It was a matter of notoriety
It wears a ragged and dangerous front
It would be a fruitless and unthankful task
It would be superfluous to say
It would not seem an improbable conclusion
Its dominating and inspiring influence

J

Jealous and formidable foes
Justifiable in certain exigencies

K

Keen power of calculation and unhesitating audacity
Kindle the flames of genuine oratory
Knotty and subtle disquisitions

L

Labored and far-fetched elocution
Laid down in a most unflinching and vigorous fashion
Lamentable instances of extravagance
Lash themselves into fury
Lax theories and corresponding practises
Lay hold of the affections
Leaden mood of dulness
Lend a critical ear
Lest the requirements of courtesy be disregarded
Links in the chain of reasoning
Little less than scandalous
Lofty and distinguished simplicity
Long-sighted continuity of thought and plan
Looking at the matter by and large
Looming large and ugly in the public view
Loose and otiose statement
Lost in indolent content
Lovely beyond all words
Lucidity and argumentative vigor
Lulled into a sense of false satisfaction

M

Maddened by a jealous hate
Maintained with ingenuity and vigor
Manifestly harsh and barbarous
Marvelous copiousness of illustration
Marvelously suggestive and inspiring
Men of profound erudition
Mere effects of negligence
Microscopic analysis of character
Mingled distrust and fear
Ministering to mere pleasure and indulgence

Minutely and rationally exposing their imperfections
Morbid and subjective brooding
More or less severe and prolonged
Moved to unaccustomed tears
My worst suspicions were confirmed
Mysterious and invincible darkness

N

Naked vigor of resolution
Naturally prone to believe
Necessity thus imposed by prudence
Nerveless and faithless folly
No more than brief palliatives or mitigations
Noble and sublime patience
Noisy torrent of talk
Not averse to a little gossip
Not so much polished as varnished
Noted for their quixotic love of adventure
Nothing could be more captious or unfair
Nothing remained but a graceful acquiescence
Notoriously distracted by internecine jealousies

O

Objects of general censure
Obscured beneath the rubbish of the age
Obsessed with an overweening pride
Obstacles that are difficult but not insuperable
Obviously at variance with facts
Occasioned by direct moral turpitude
Oddly amenable to the proposed innovations
Often employed promiscuously
Ominous and swift days
Omitting all compliments and commonplaces
On a noble and commanding scale

On sure ground of fact
 On the edge of great irritability
 On the horns of a dilemma
 One of life's ironical adjustments
 One of the foreseen and inevitable results
 One tissue of rashness, folly, ingratitude, and injustice
 Openly flouted and disavowed
 Oppressed by some vague dread
 Organs of party rage and popular frenzy
 Our opinions were diametrically opposed
 Our vaunted civilization
 Outward mark of obeisance and humiliation
 Overcome by an access of misery
 Overshadowed by a fretful anxiety
 Overwhelmed with reproach and popular indignation

P

Painful and lamentable indifference
 Palpably and unmistakably commonplace
 Parading an exception to prove a rule
 Paralyzed by infirmity of purpose
 Paralyzing doubts and scruples
 Paramount obligation and righteousness
 Partial and fragmentary evidence
 Passionately addicted to pleasure
 Patently inimical to liberty
 Patience under continual provocation
 Peculiarly liable to misinterpretation
 Peddling and pitiful compromises
 Pelting one another with catchwords
 Perfectly illustrated and exemplified
 Perpetually excite our curiosity
 Pierced to the quick

Pitiful shifts of policy
Plainly dictated by a lofty purpose
Pleading the exigencies of strategical interest
Plunged into tumultuous preoccupation
Pointed out with triumphant malice
Polished beauty of diction
Political storm and stress
Position of titular command
Preached with a fierce unction
Precipitate and arbitrary changes
Predict the gloomiest consequences
Pregnant with a lesson of the deepest import
Presented with matchless vigor and courage
Princely generosity of praise
Prodigious and portentous events
Protracted to a vexatious length
Proud schemes for aggrandizement
Provocative of bitter hostility
Pruned of their excrescences and grotesque extremes
Purged of glaringly offensive features
Pursued to a vicious extent

Q

Questioned and tested in the crucible of experience
Quickened into a stabbing suspicion
Quickness to conceive and courage to execute
Quite destitute of resources
Quixotically generous about money

R

Radiantly and transparently happy
Railed at the world
Rare candor and flexibility of mind
Rare fidelity of purpose and achievement

Rarely brought to pass
 Reeling headlong in luxury and sensuality
 Regarded with sincere abhorrence
 Regulated by the fixed rules of good-breeding
 Religious rights and ceremonies
 Reluctant to appear in so equivocal a character
 Render null and void
 Rent by internal contentions
 Repugnant alike to reason and conscience
 Resigned to growing infirmities
 Resist a common adversary
 Resting on some collateral circumstance
 Rhetorical and ambitious diction
 Rich and exuberant complexities
 Rigid and exact boundaries
 Rooted in immeasurable error and falsity
 Roused to tumultuous activity
 Rude and blind criticism

S

Sadly counterbalanced by numerous faults
 Said with epigrammatic point
 Salutary in the extreme
 Salutary tonic of a free current of public criticism
 Sanity and quietness of soul
 Scorned as an impracticable theory
 Scornful of petty calculations
 Screen themselves from punishment
 Scrupulous and chivalrous loyalty
 See with eagle glance through conventionalisms
 Seem to savor of paradox
 Seize the auspicious moment
 Self-centered anxiety and preoccupation

Self-command born of varied intercourse
Self-interest of the most compelling character
Selfish and uselessly recondite
Selfishness pampered by abundance
Senses of marvelous acuteness
Sensible diminution of our comfort
Sensitive and apprehensive temperament
Sentimental wailings for the past
Serve the innocent purposes of life
Set down with meticulous care
Shames us out of our nonsense
Sharp outbursts of hatred and bitterness
Sharp restrictions of duty and opportunity
Sharply and definitely conceived
She had lost her way in a labyrinth of conjecture
She took refuge in a passionate exaggeration of her own **in-**
sufficiency
Sheer midsummer madness
Silly displays of cheap animosity
Simple and obvious to a plain understanding
Sinister and fatal augury
Skulking beneath a high-sounding benevolence
Slack-minded skimming of newspapers
Slavish doctrines of sectarianism
Slow and resistless forces of conviction
Smug respectability and self-content
Snatch some advantage
Socialized and exacting studies
Some very undignified disclosures
Something essentially inexpressible
Something stifling and over-perfumed
Spinning a network of falsehoods
Spiritual and moral significance

Staring in helpless bewilderment
Stealthily escaping observation
Stern determination to inflict summary justice
Stigmatized as moral cowards
Stimulated to profitable industry
Stopped as if on the verge of profundities
Strange frankness of cynical brutality
Strange streak of melancholy
Strangled by a snare of words
Strenuous and conscientious endeavor
Stretched out in dreary monotony
Strict and unalloyed veracity
Struck incessantly and remorselessly
Stupendous and awe-inspiring spectacle
Subject to the vicissitudes of fortune
Subjected to the grossest cruelties
Subordination to the common weal
Subservient to the ends of religion
Sudden and inexplicable changes of mood
Suddenly and imperatively summoned
Suddenly swelled to unprecedented magnitude
Sufficient to repel vulgar curiosity
Suggestive sagacity and penetration
Suit the means to the end
Sullen and widespread discontent
Superior in strength and prowess
Supported by a splendid fearlessness
Supremely and undeniably great
Susceptible to every impulse and stimulus
Sustained dignity and mellifluous precision
Swamping every aspiration and ambition
Swift and vehement outbursts of feeling

T

Take root in the heart
Take vengeance upon arrogant self-assertion
Taken in their totality
Tamed and wonted to a settled existence
Tempered by the emotional warmth of high moral ideals
That way madness lies
The abysmal depths of despair
The accumulated bitterness of failure
The agonies of conscious failure
The air was full of the cry and clamor
The animadversions of critics
The applause was unbounded
The best proof of its timeliness and salutariness
The bewildered and tumultuous world
The blackest abyss of despair
The blemishes of an extraordinary reputation
The bluntness of a provincial
The bogey of bad luck
The bounding pulse of youth
The brunt of life
The capacity for refined pursuits
The charming omniscience of youth
The cloak of cowardice
The collective life of humanity
The combined dictates of reason and experience
The companion of a noble and elevated spirit
The complaining gate swung open
The complex phenomena of life
The consequence of an agitated mind
The consequence of ignorance and childish assumption
The constant pressure of anxieties
The creature and tool of a party

The critical eyes of posterity
The dead and dusty past
The delimitation is sufficiently definite
The dictates of plain reason
The disjointed babble of the chronicler
The dull derision of the world
The dullest and most vacant minds
The dumb forces of brute nature
The dupe of some imposture
The eager pretentiousness of youth
The ebb and flow of events
The everlasting deluge of books
The evil was irremediable
The exchange of harmless amenities
The exertion of an inherent power
The expression was keenly intellectual
The facile conjectures of ignorant onlookers
The facts took him by the throat
The fitful swerving of passion
The flabbiness of our culture
The flaccid moods of prose
The flame of discord raged with redoubled fury
The flattest and most obvious truisms
The flippant insolence of a decadent skepticism
The foe of excess and immoderation
The fog of prejudice and ill-feeling
The frustration of their dearest hopes
The garb of civilization
The general infusion of wit
The gift of prophecy
The golden years of youth and maturity
The gratification of ambition
The grim reality of defeat

The hall-mark of a healthy humanity
The handmaid of tyranny
The hint of tranquillity and self-poise
The hints of an imaginable alliance
The hobgoblin of little minds
The holiest and most ennobling sensations of the soul
The hollowest of hollow shams
The homely virtue of practical utility
The hubbub and turmoil of the great world
The huge and thoughtful night
The hurly-burly of events
The idea was utterly hateful and repugnant
The idle of all hobbledehoyes
The ignoble exploitation of public interests
The imminent fatality awaiting him
The impulse of prejudice or caprice
The incorrigibility of perverse human nature
The incursions of a venomous rabble
The indulgence of an overweening self-conceit
The inevitable climax and culmination
The inference is inescapable
The infirmity and fallibility of human nature
The inflexible serenity of the wheeling sun
The ingenuities of legal verbiage
The inmost recesses of the human heart
The insipidity of indifference
The insolence of power
The irony of circumstances
The jaded weariness of overstrained living
The jargon of well-handled and voice-worn phrases
The jostling and ugliness of life
The lawyer's habit of circumspection and delay
The long-delayed hour of retribution

The lowest grade of precarious mendacity
 The makeshifts of mediocrity
 The malarious air of after-dinner gossip
 The mazes of conflicting testimony
 The mean and frivolous affections of the idle
 The menacing shadow of want
 The mere fruit of his distempered imagination
 The mere reversal of the wheel of fortune
 The merest smattering of knowledge
 The meticulous preciosity of the lawyer and the logician
 The most absurd elementary questions
 The most amazing impudence
 The most exacting and exciting business
 The most fallacious of all fallacies
 The most implacable logic
 The most preposterous pride
 The multitudinous tongue of the people
 The outcome of unerring observation
 The outraged conscience of mankind
 The overpowering force of circumstances and necessity
 The overweening exercise of power
 The panacea for the evils of society
 The panorama of history
 The pernicious doctrines of skeptics
 The perpetrator of clumsy witticisms
 The precarious tenure of fame
 The precursor of violence
 The pretty and delicate game of talk
 The primitive instinct of self-preservation
 The property of little minds
 The prophecies of visionaries and enthusiasts
 The proprieties of etiquette
 The purse-proud inflation of the moneyed man

The question was disconcertingly frank
The ravening wolves of brute instinct
The remark was sternly uncompromising
The result of caprice
The rigor of the law
The sanction and authority of a great name
The severest shocks of adverse fate
The sharp and vehement assertion of authority
The sinister influence of unprincipled men
The speaker drew an indignant breath
The springs of human action
The staple of conversation
The stillness of finality
The stings of self-reproach
The straightforward path of inexorable logic
The strong hand of executive authority
The sum and fruit of experience
The sum total of her impressions was negative
The summit of excellence
The supernatural prescience of prophecy
The sweet indulgence of good-nature
The sycophants of the rich
The taint of fretful ingratitude
The talk flowed
The target for ill-informed criticism
The tears welled up and flowed abundantly
The tediousness of inactivity
The tendency to evade implicit obligations
The ties of a common cause
The tranquil aspects of society
The tribute of affectionate applause
The ultimate verdict of mankind
The unbroken habit of a lifetime

The unimpeachable correctness of his demeanor
The unlicensed indulgence of curiosity
The unsophisticated period of youth
The utmost excitement and agitation
The vanishing thoughtlessness of youth
The vanity and conceit of insular self-satisfaction
The very texture of man's soul and life
The victim of an increasing irritability
The victorious assertion of personality
The virtue of taciturnity
The voice was sharp and peremptory
The want of serious and sustained thinking
The widest compass of human life
The wonderful pageant of consciousness
The words stabbed him
Their authenticity may be greatly questioned
Their indignation waxed fast and furious
Themes of perennial interest
There was a blank silence
There was no sense of diminution
They affected the tone of an impartial observer
They rent the air with shouts and acclamations
Thoughts which mock at human life
Through ever-widening circles of devastation
Through the distortions of prejudice
Thwarted by seeming insuperable obstacles
Time was dissolving the circle of his friends
Times of unexampled difficulty
Tinsel over with a gaudy embellishment of words
To a practised eye
To be sedulously avoided
To prosecute a scheme of personal ambition
To state the case is to prove it

Too preposterous for belief
Too puerile to notice
Too sanguine a forecast
Torn asunder by eternal strife
Totally detached from all factions
Touched with a sort of reverential gratitude
Transcend the bounds of human credulity
Transitory in its nature
Transparent and ridiculous self-importance
Treasured up with a timid and niggardly thrift
Treated the idea with lofty scorn
Tremendous exploits and thrilling escapades
True incentives to knowledge

U

Unamiable and envious attributes
Unbounded devotion and indulgence
Uncharted oceans of thought
Unconquerable fidelity to duty
Under all conceivable circumstances
Under the sway of arbitrary opinions
Undertaken under propitious circumstances
Uneasy sense of impending change
Unequaled simplicity and directness of purpose
Unexceptional in point of breeding
Unexpected obstacles and inextricable difficulties
Unfailing and miraculous foresight
Unfeigned astonishment and indignation
Unfounded and incredible calumnies
Unhampered by binding alliances
Universal in their signification
Unjust and unrighteous persecution
Unreasoning and unquestioning attachment

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Unrivalled beauty and excellence
Unrivalled gift of succinct and trenchant speech
Unsparing industry and attention
Unspeakingly alluring and satisfying
Unsurpassed in force and fitness
Unswerving and unselfish fidelity
Untiring enunciation of platitudes and fallacies
Unutterably trivial and paltry
Unwavering and unquestioning approbation
Unworthy and ungenerous treatment
Upbraid ourselves with folly
Urgent warning and admonition
Utterly and essentially irreverent

V

Vast and vague aspirations
Vastly complex and far-reaching problems
Vehemently and indignantly repudiated
Venerable and dignified conservatism
Versatile and essentially original
Versed in the arts of exciting tumult and sedition
Viewed in its general tenor and substance
Vigorous and well compacted
Violating all decency
Violent and unforeseen vicissitudes
Vitiated by intolerance and shortsightedness
Vivid even to oppressiveness
Voracious and insatiable appetite
Vulgar eagerness for peace

W

Warnings too pregnant to be disregarded
Warped by personal pretensions and self-consequence
We may parenthetically note

We must profoundly revere it
Weigh the merits and demerits
Welcomed at first with skeptical contempt
Well-concerted and well-timed stratagems
Whirled into rapid and ceaseless motion
Wholesale friction and discontent
Wholly devoid of public interest
Widely divergent social traits
Wield an unequaled and paramount authority
Wiser counsel prevailed
Withal decidedly handsome
Written in indelible characters upon his heart

Y

Yield to urgent representations

Z

Zealous in the cause he affected to serve

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